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Snow squalls snarl morning commute

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON/TEWKSBURY - How long did it take you to get to work on Tuesday? State roads such as Routes 93, 128, and 495 were gridlocked due to accidents caused by blinding snow squalls and black ice on Tuesday, December 2. According to the Tewksbury Fire Department, a multitude of vehicles on Route 93 between the interchanges of Route 125 and Dascomb Road were off the road due to spin-outs. Secondary roads soon suffered from the same fate as commuters sought short-cuts and back roads in an attempt to escape the parking lot atmos-

phere.

A number of residents reported spending more than an hour just to cross through Wilmington. On Tuesday morning, Wilmington Senior Clerk Phyllis Vieira was able to get from North Wilmington to the Town Hall in just 20 minutes, although her commute generally takes all of 5 minutes.

According to Donald Onusseit, the Superintendent of the Wilmington Department of Public Works (DPW), all of the town's trucks and attached equipment were out on the roads and sanding them as early as 6:30 that morning.

"We had success until things

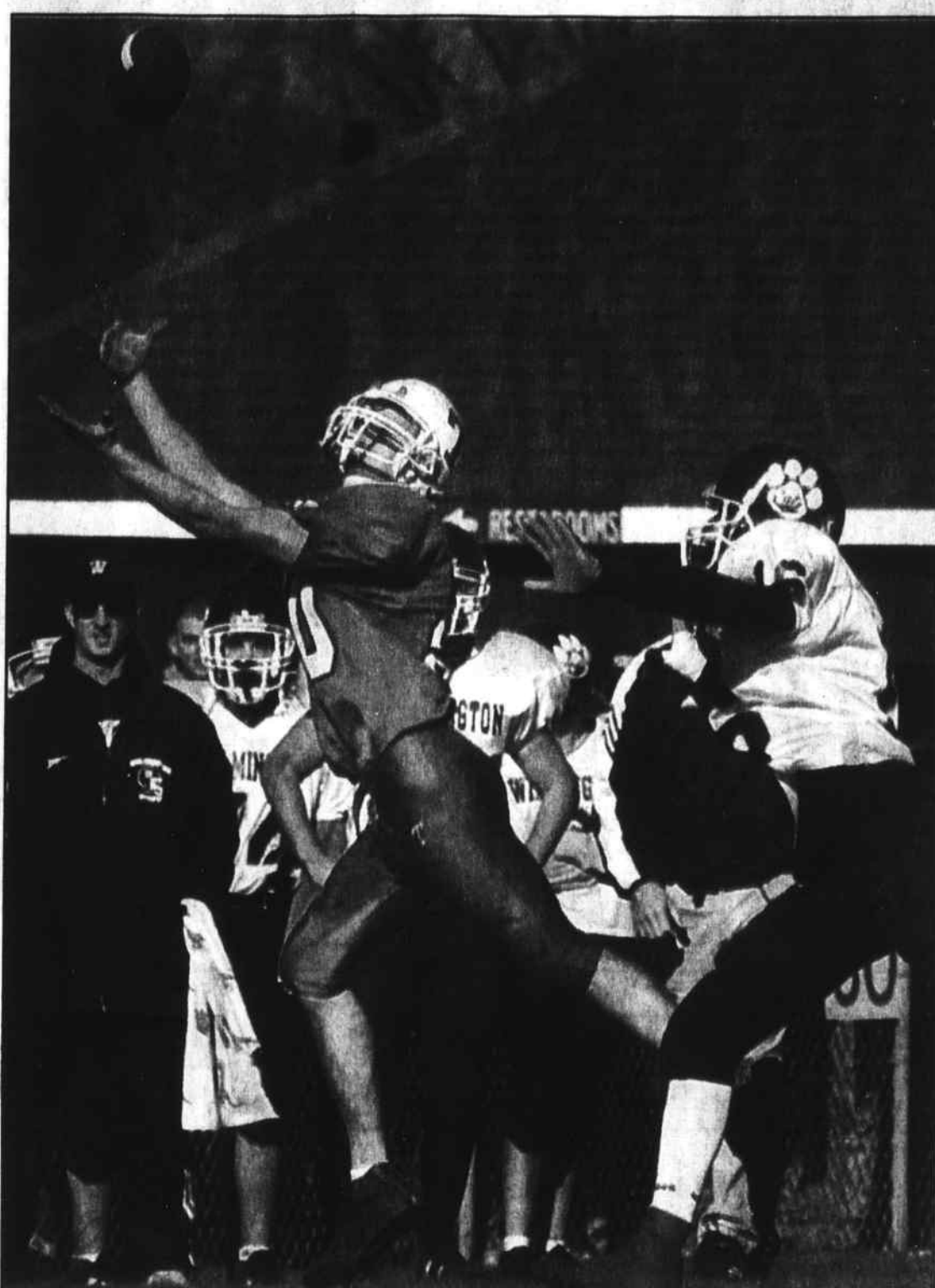
ground to a halt at around seven," stated Onusseit. "There was not much snow, but it came at a bad time and iced up immediately."

Despite the traffic, no accidents were reported in Wilmington, according to dispatchers at the Wilmington Police Department.

Tewksbury did not seem to suffer as badly. The office of Tewksbury Town Clerk Elizabeth Carey faces Route 38. Carey notes that she saw traffic move along well on Main Street all morning.

The problem for Tewksbury residents, it seems, was escap-

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TURKEY DAY FOOTBALL. On Thursday morning, the 70th annual Thanksgiving Football game between Tewksbury and Wilmington was held in front of an estimated 7,000 fans at Doucette Field. Wilmington won the eventful game, 41-22, despite a strong second half comeback by the Redmen. Above, Tewksbury High senior wide out Jon Flanagan stretches to make a catch, while Wilmington senior defensive back Derek Trueira tries to get a beat on his opponent. To read more about the game, and to see a lot more pictures from the classic contest, please turn to the sports section.

(photo by Jessica Stygles)

Sullivan refutes Mills' claim of support for mall

By STEPHEN BJORK

TEWKSBURY - Wilmington Selectman Suzanne Sullivan addressed the Mills Study Committee during its meeting on Tuesday, November 25, and sought to set the record straight on matters pertaining to the hopes of the Mills Corporation to build a mall in South Tewksbury.

The property projected for development by Mills straddles the town line of Wilmington and Tewksbury, with several acres situated in Wilmington. Mills' current proposal shows a mall for the South Tewksbury parcel and proposes two hotels and a convention center for the land in North Wilmington. During the committee's September 16th meeting, Elizabeth Link, the Vice President of Predevelopment for the Mills Corporation, remarked that a proposal showing hotels and a convention center had been presented to Wilmington's Board of Selectmen and that "the town of Wilmington are on board with the proposal."

Link's comment had been quoted in the local media and has been used liberally by Mills proponents to bolster their position. Mills' local attorney, Richard O'Neill, referred to Wilmington's supposed support

for his client's proposal during this most recent November 25th meeting.

"Wilmington can tell us otherwise, but that is the current thinking," O'Neill stated.

Sullivan stated that she has been reading in newspapers and hearing from others that Wilmington supports Mills in their endeavor.

"We've had no review of the proposal," Sullivan countered. "We've had preliminary discussions and seen some rough sketches."

Sullivan stressed that, as far as she is concerned, the Wilmington Board of Selectmen is not on board with anything at this time. She told O'Neill that his comment from earlier in the evening continued to offer the erroneous perception that Wilmington is behind the proposal.

"I'm glad you categorized my comments as you did," O'Neill told Sullivan. "I've never said that there was any agreement reached between Mills and Wilmington."

Sullivan questioned why the town of Wilmington had not been presented with any further information about the Mills project. David Wahr, an attorney for Mills, told her that a zoning change in Tewksbury

was a necessity for the project.

"Once we get the zoning approved in Tewksbury, then we go to Wilmington," Wahr told her. "If the zoning were to fail, then we would have just wasted your time."

According to Sullivan, the parcel of land in North Wilmington slated for the hotels and convention center had been identified by Wilmington's adopted Master Plan to be re-zoned from "heavy industrial" to "residential."

In other matters, Tewksbury Chief Assessor Jay Kelley also appeared before the committee to clarify his findings regarding gross real estate tax revenue. Kelley had previously projected gross revenue to be somewhere between \$2 million and \$4 million.

"I did not give a one number estimate," Kelley told the committee.

He explained that his estimates were a "best guess" and not an intentionally conservative figure. He looked at eight local malls, including the North Shore Mall, Pheasant Lane Mall, Burlington Mall, Rockingham Mall, Square One Mall, South Shore Mall, the Liberty Tree Mall, to establish an average dollar per square

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Santa Claus scheduled to visit weekend's tree lighting

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - The 4th of July Committee is looking forward to seeing you at the 20th annual Tree Lighting Ceremony to be held on Wilmington Town Common this Saturday.

Wilmington's Chamber of Commerce, along with the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, will once again sponsor the ice-sculpting demonstration, which will begin at 3:30 p.m.

Carol McGinn, of the Chamber of Commerce, refuses to offer any hints as to what the sculpture might be this year,

but admits that this time around it may consist of more than one block of ice. Ice bears, swans, nutcrackers, angels and sleighs have graced the commons in years past.

The carving this year will be performed by J. Stephan Ripianzi, a local resident and professional ice sculptor, of Images in Ice. Examples of the company's sculptures can be seen at www.imagesinice.com.

The Wilmington High School Band is expected to be performing with carolers and bell ringers, courtesy of the Wilmington Council of Churches.

Wilmington Minutemen, in full period attire with candle-lit lanterns, are often spotted milling about at the tree lighting ceremonies. Hopefully, this year will not be an exception.

Hot cocoa and cookies will help keep residents warm and hayrides will keep families busy until the magical moment of Santa's arrival on the Common. With two sets of Clydesdales working hard throughout the evening, no one will have to wait long for a hayride.

Santa Claus will arrive via a

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Are you missing your wedding rings?

Jewelry mistakenly donated to Pop Warner Cheerleaders

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - Perhaps you gave more than you intended to the Wilmington Pop Warner Cheerleaders.

A wedding band and diamond ring were found in funds collected by the cheerleaders on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. The girls were raising money for their upcoming trips to Walt Disney World in Florida.

Pop Warner cheerleaders were collecting donations outside of Market Basket, Elia's Country Store, Lucci's Supermarket, Colonial Park Liquors, and Uncle Mickey's between the hours of 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on November 26.

Lori Hodgson was driving from location to location and emptying the donations into a big plastic bag while the young ladies were "canning." It was

n't until she got home and began sorting the cash that she found the two pieces of jewelry at the bottom of the pile.

"This is the first time anything like this has happened," says Hodgson, who has been active in Pop Warner activities for at least eight years.

Since the funds were combined in one bag, Hodgson is not even able to guess at which location the loss of the two rings occurred. She immediately brought the jewelry to the Wilmington Police Department. Spencer alerted the Town Crier about the missing items this week.

All parties are concerned that someone is out there, devastated by the loss of such important rings. All are hoping that the rightful owner can be located, so those rings can be slipped back onto her finger.

"It was a cold day," Hodgson recalls about last Wednesday, "so they might have slipped off when someone took their gloves off to place money in a collection can."

At least a dozen young ladies were involved in the fundraising, but none of them were able to offer any solutions to the mystery.

The Pop Warner A and B team cheerleaders will be going down to the National Championships in Disney World next week, and the money collected will help defer some of the costs associated with the trip.

The rightful owner of the jewelry is encouraged to contact the Wilmington Police Department at 978-658-5071 and will be asked to positively identify the rings.



DISNEY WORLD, HERE THEY COME . . . Pop Warner Cheerleaders Alicia Cadigan, left, and Angela Jackson, right, worked a yard sale at St. Thomas Church last week and helped raise some cash for their trip to a competition at the Mouse House in Orlando, Florida this week.

(Maureen Lamoureux photo)



LOCAL ACTRESS KATIE LUCAS

Young actress takes on the Ghost of Christmas Past

By BREANNA PAIGE
LEIBMAN

TEWKSBURY - Ebenezer Scrooge, you can expect a visit from Tewksbury actress Katie Lucas during this holiday season. She's portraying the Ghost of Christmas Past in a production of "A Christmas Carol" that is currently on stage at the Stoneham Theatre.

Lucas, who lives with her parents, a dog and two snakes, can do plenty more than act. She can also sing and play the piano too.

Did we mention that she is only ten years old?

That makes a bit of a twist for a girl with only nine Christmases under her belt to play a spirit who represents all of Christmases past in the

Dickens classic.

"We are the only production that uses a child for the Ghost of Christmas Past," says Troy Sibelis, the director of the production. "Katie has a way about her that conveys maturity. She has an amazing voice as well."

That voice has gotten some practice. Katie started acting at her school, St. Augustine's in Andover, when she was seven years old. While there, she performed in such plays as "A Bird's Eye View" and "The Friendship Ring." After appearing in those school plays, Katie got a role in the North Shore Music Theatre's production of "The Phantom Toll Booth."

"It was a summer production," Katie says. "It wasn't on the main stage, but it was with the North Shore Music Theatre. It was very, very cool."

In addition to her acting talents, Katie has been playing the piano since kindergarten, dancing since she was two, and taking voice lessons since second grade. She has participated in competitions through the Broadway Dance Academy for

five years and has studied piano and learned how to sing at Music Works. Both studios are in Tewksbury.

Those who attend "A Christmas Carol" in Stoneham will enjoy watching Katie in action. She'll be looking right back at them.

"My favorite things about acting are the performances and looking out into the audience," Katie states. "You can see the people coming to watch you and the whole cast."

Of course, performing in a play is not all just fun and games, even for such a young actress as Katie. As with any production, there is a lot of preparation and rehearsal.

"We rehearsed for two weeks, and it is very hard," Katie says. "We are usually there for 5 or 6 hours a day, on average."

While Katie hopes to become a professional actress as an adult, she also harbors dreams of becoming a nurse as well.

"A Christmas Carol" is running now through December 23 at the Stoneham Theatre. For tickets and more information, you can call (781) 279-2200 or go online at stonehamtheatre.org.

It's Your Money by Joyce Brisbois



USING IRA MONEY TO BUY A HOME

Yes, you can get at the money in your Individual Retirement Account to help purchase your first home. Yes, but. The "but" refers to this problem: only \$100,000 of the withdrawal is exempt from penalty, unless you are 59.5 years old. And note that the full amount taken out is taxed as income, too, unless the original contribution was non-deductible and taxed then.

There are some less-limiting rules that go along with using IRA money for a home. You can still be considered a first-time homeowner, even if you owned one before, as long as you or your spouse haven't owned a home in the last two years.

On the plus side, you can use IRA funds without penalty—under the same dollar limits—to buy a first home for a child, grandchild, parent or grandparent of the account owner or that person's spouse. Any money withdrawn for this purpose must be spent on a home within 120 days.

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Finegold named to Construction Reform Commission

Representative Barry R. Finegold (D-Andover) was named to a special commission charged with investigating the current public construction bidding system and proposing recommendations. The measure was passed as part of the Municipal Relief Package, signed into law earlier this year.

"This is an issue that has nagged the communities I represent for the past several years," Finegold says. "We need to do something about it."

I am thrilled that I will have a voice on the Commission set up to explore one of my main interests."

Finegold has met with interested parties, including local officials, contractors, unions, and architects. He has compiled a five point recommendation that he sees as the basis for any reform. Those measures include changing bidding thresholds; allowing for alternative measures of procurement; eliminating the Filed Sub-Bid System; allowing municipalities to choose from the lowest three bidders; and imposing penalties for late projects.

The commission will start meeting next month.

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From the Editor's Desk

By Shawn P. Sullivan

Keeping the Grinch Away

The holiday season is careening full speed ahead, like an errant sleigh at the mercy of spooked, wild horses. You have all those sales to seek, gifts to buy and wrap, cards to send, services to attend, halls to deck and concerts to rehearse. And, if meteorologists are right for once, this weekend you'll have snow to shovel, ice to scrape, curses to conjugate.

Have you lost your mind yet?

It says something when the only breather we get is several hours of confinement in our motionless cars during the gridlock caused by those freaky snow squalls that blew through the region on Tuesday.

The other night I was channel-surfing and found the last half of "A Charlie Brown Christmas" on television. I got hit with a wave of nostalgia and stuck with the program because I had not seen it in more than 20 years. Perhaps, as readers of this weekly newspaper, you would hope to see its editor draw insight from a more sophisticated source, but the truth is that I found the rants made by Linus against the commercialism of Christmas to be as timely as ever. And to think I just laughed at Snoopy the last time I caught this holiday program as a kid.

You won't hear any rants about sky-high consumerism in this column. Finally, after quite some time in the dark, the economy is sparking to life, even breaking a few records, and the Mall Madness of the past week will only fuel such recovery. That's America, baby.

We could stand to ask ourselves, though, if anything is getting lost in the stampede. All too often Christmas essentially adds up to a single day, in which we gather with our families, open the gifts, devour the goose, and emit a collective sigh of exhaustion and wonder how the day came so quickly.

The day comes so quickly because we don't slow down, take a breath, and seize the quietness and joys that can exist during these final weeks of the year.

This holiday season, think outside the gift box. Attend the tree-lighting on the Town Common this weekend. Visit a local mom-and-pop store somewhere, rather than dutifully report to the mall. Skip a trip to the movies and spend a quiet evening at home. Rather than bombard your home with lights and life-size balloons and mechanical figures that whirl through the night, choose one room of the house to decorate and transform into a peaceful spot to get away from it all.

These are just a few suggestions, of course, but they'll likely reduce the chance that you'll mutter "Bah! Humbug!" before we even reach the twelve days of Christmas.

Letter to the Editor

Teachers need your support

Dear Editor:

As a resident of Tewksbury and a member of the Tewksbury Teacher's Association, I feel it is time to dispel rumors and clear up misconceptions regarding the teachers' contract negotiations. Yes, I have been working without a contract since the school year began, and nine negotiating sessions have produced little dialogue, forcing the use of a mediator. I am hopeful that negotiations will now proceed smoothly, and we will swiftly reach a fair contract settlement.

I would like to see a salary increase as part of my new contract. Tewksbury teachers are the lowest paid in the area, yet I still have two children to put through college and would like to maintain a lifestyle similar to that of my neighbors. My salary, as posted in the Town Report, is actually an inflated representation. Unlike the police and fire department salaries, which include an overtime column, my overtime pay is combined with my salary. What is listed as my salary includes an additional job I have assumed in the school (head teacher), as well as tutoring after school hours, committee work beyond contracted time, and summer work. Without the 'overtime' and additional responsibilities, my 'salary' would not appear to be so high.

Also important to me is the staffing and planning time needed to do an effective job. I am a reading specialist in an elementary school with nearly 700 students. My role is to service struggling readers, support staff in implementing a new guided reading program into the curriculum, evaluate students in reading for ISET meetings, write reports based on those evaluations and attend ISET meetings with parents. I find it to be, at best, an overwhelming task!

I easily spend between an hour and an hour and a half per day in school above contracted time, planning and preparing lessons for the approximately 110 students I service and 16 classes I teach. Unfortunately, I have only been able to schedule one half hour per week as prep time during the school day. Therefore, my

planning must be done before school begins and at home.

I also feel it's beneficial to continue to expand my knowledge in the field of reading by keeping up with current research and innovative teaching practices. To achieve this goal, I hold a membership in The International Reading Association at my expense, attend workshops and seminars, and enroll in graduate level college courses. It is sometimes difficult to attend quality workshops and seminars as many are presented during weekdays. Tewksbury does not allow me to be out of my classroom for such professional development. Any professional development of this type needs to be accomplished on my own time - nights, weekends, vacations, and summers. I shoulder the burden to college course expenses (\$600-\$800 per course), though Tewksbury will pay half the expense for one course per year through certain institutions. I was reimbursed \$225 for a \$585 course this past summer.

I do not wish to strike. I feel I can speak for the collective group that the teachers do not want to impede the education of our students. Teachers do not choose teaching as a career for the pay or glory. Unfortunately, teachers have traditionally been underpaid and lately, have become one of the least respected professionals. Teaching is a service-oriented profession. I know I teach because of the children. If I can make a difference in even one child's life I feel it has been worth it. And quite honestly, I know I have impacted some of my students in a positive way. It is becoming more and more difficult, however, to be an effective teacher with the cutbacks that affect staffing, class size, materials available, and quality of equipment, combined with the increased demands in curriculum reflected in the state testing and federal mandates.

I would like to see a fair contract settled soon. Please support the Tewksbury teachers and contact our School Committee to voice your support.

Sincerely,
Liz Robinson

Standing Eight Count

by Stephen Bjork

Editor's Note: December 4th marks the one-year anniversary of the first appearance of the *Standing Eight Count*. It has appeared more than thirty times since then and we have thus far yet to rid ourselves of it.

On the basis of the extensive popularity of the *Standing Eight Count*, baffling though it is, the Arts & Entertainment television network has chosen Stephen Bjork as the subject of an upcoming episode in its Biography series. We have invited Mr. Edwin Naloxone, the producer and director of the production, to step in this week as a guest columnist.

I remember, quite vividly, my first conversation with Steve Bjork.

I must admit to feeling an immediate distrust of him, but that was eventually replaced by a genuine dislike.

I had been reading his *Standing Eight Count* since it first began running in the Los Angeles Daily Tribune sometime in June of this year, as had most everyone else in the office.

Mr. Bjork's name came up during a departmental pitch meeting for upcoming programming as a possible subject for a Biography profile. The task fell on me to contact him and to conduct the preliminary research for the program.

One should note that it is unheard of in the newspaper business for a columnist to achieve national syndication in such a short span of time. Indeed, despite the amateurish prose and the frequent violent undertones of his work, Mr. Bjork's column has been picked up by more than 500 newspapers nationwide and has been described by some as a true zeitgeist for the current era. The column has, in fact, recently been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for social and political commentary. Furthermore, a number of insiders feel that it has more than a fair shot of winning, despite the lingering rumors that it was Mr. Bjork himself who made the nomination.

Quite an accomplishment for a writer possessing such a

wide-ranging lack of talent and wardrobe.

It was eight o'clock Los Angeles time when I first dialed his number. I distractedly began to scan some of his previous columns and nearly forgot that his phone had been ringing on the other end for more than 5 minutes. I was just about to hang up when the receiver on the other end of the line was clumsily picked up and apparently hurled to the floor. A rash of obscenities was erupting from some distance away and as the receiver was finally picked up off the floor I was greeted not by the customary and pleasant greeting of "hello", but by a demanding "Who is this?"

It was eleven a.m. Boston time on a Wednesday and I had very obviously woken him.

I stuttered for just a moment in explaining the reason for my intrusive phone call and he began to calm down a bit.

I described my vision for the special. Certain segments could be done in black and white to highlight the darker side of some of his humor and we could experiment with camera angles and lighting to achieve the proper perspective. "How much would something like this pay?" he inquired repeatedly.

Mr. Bjork has had quite a busy year since he began writing his column.

He traveled to North Korea in February and was granted a private audience with that nation's sick and twisted leader, Kim Jong II. The two spent more than 48 hours together, during which time Mr. Bjork's personal interpreter was reportedly executed for not being able to speak Korean.

I must say, we managed to get some great footage of Kim Jong II recalling the time he spent with Mr. Bjork, whom he describes as the single greatest cause for international tension today. Jong also claims to have lent Mr. Bjork twenty dollars, which has yet to be repaid.

In late March of 2003, Mr. Bjork mounted a write-in campaign for a seat on Wilmington's Board of Selectmen, garnering a surprising .00000000 percent of the

town vote. Political analysts uniformly agree that his promises to bring martial law and organized crime to Wilmington, if elected, probably contributed somewhat to his embarrassing loss.

Mr. Bjork was reportedly engaged in a physical altercation with Saddam Hussein in mid-April, following the ousted dictator's disappearance from Iraq and subsequent "pop-in" visit to Mr. Bjork's home. Unfortunately, American authorities were not alerted in time to execute a successful apprehension.

Hussein was not available for an on-camera interview, but sent word via the Al-Jazeera news network that he met Mr. Bjork on a particularly bad day and could ordinarily kick his butt any day of the week and, according to Hussein, twice on Sundays.

Pepe, Bjork's childhood friend, was not a particularly good subject for our filming as he kept repeating "No comprende" after every question and subjected each member of the A&E crew to unnecessary Heimlich Maneuvers, making it increasingly difficult to keep him on camera.

Shawn Sullivan is Mr. Bjork's editor at the Town Crier and consented to be interviewed on camera. Sullivan, who is considered one of the most supportive and encouraging editors in the newspaper industry, describes Mr. Bjork as a "no talent hack without an ounce of creativity."

"He generally hands in a bunch of non-sensible scribbling, written in crayon," Sullivan states on camera. "I generally toss it into the trash and write the column myself. I never expected it to take off like this. We're not filming yet, are we?"

Stuart Neilson is the Managing Editor of the Town Crier and claims never to have met Mr. Bjork in person and is not entirely convinced that he exists. When asked to comment on the *Standing Eight*, he describes it as, "generally, very long."

The Town Crier has two receptionists, Ann and Mary, neither of which consented to

an interview. When asked, Ann simply opened her jacket revealing a 9mm automatic pistol. Mary pretended not to hear the question and said "Good morning, Town Crier, even though it was late in the afternoon."

Extensive research of Mr. Bjork's childhood was conducted by me and my staff and several of his former teachers and guidance counselors were contacted. Most refused to participate in the project in any way, but a few agreed to appear, provided we guaranteed to keep their faces off camera and to alter their voices. One high school report card unearthed contained comments from a guidance counselor indicating that the young Mr. Bjork would never amount to anything.

"See, I told you," the guidance counselor stated for the camera.

We were a little bit taken aback when Mr. Bjork showed up for his on-camera interview wearing a silk bathrobe and ascot. He insisted on speaking with an English accent and smoking a pipe throughout the entire production. He compared himself, and favorably so, to such "American writers" as F. Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway, and Anton Chekhov (who, incidentally, was not American at all, but was a 19th century Russian author).

We ended up getting nothing of value out of his interview and, with the exception of the Kim Jong II footage, we had nothing to work with.

A&E executives stepped in and put a halt to the project and it turned out to be well timed. According to sources, The *Standing Eight Count* has recently been dropped from the different newspapers.

Stephen Bjork spent six years as a full time professional stand-up comedian traveling all over the country and performing in major venues including Las Vegas, New York, and Los Angeles. He currently resides in Wilmington with his wife and son and continues to perform locally. His email address is stephenbjork@comcast.net.

Letters to the Editor

Community Fund appreciates generosity

Dear Editor:

The Wilmington Community Fund and the Wilmington Food Commissary would like to thank the following organizations as well as many others for their contributions during the year as well as this holiday season. They include: St. Dorothy's, St. Thomas, Wilmington United Methodist Church, Wilmington Congregational Church, the

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We would also like to thank the Wilmington Library for their "food for fines program" and for keeping a container for food drop-offs; the Wilmington Market Basket, which also has a container for food; and the many residents who help contribute by way of food or money donations.

A special thank you to the students from the National Honor

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Wilmington Community Fund

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Bookends

by Debra Russo

Bookends met on Thursday, November 6 to discuss *From Beirut to Jerusalem* by Thomas Friedman.

Some books are so good at tapping into a collective concern that any discussion about them centers not on the merits of the book, but on the emotion or opinion aroused by the concern itself. In reviewing a book based, in part, upon the discussion of the group reading it, an entirely different context is invoked. You are reading this column at your kitchen table, or on your living room floor, or at a coffee shop, not as part of reading group that ended up talking about the war in Iraq instead of the book.

There's a good reason for that.

Bookends' November selection was *From Beirut to Jerusalem* by Thomas Friedman. First published in 1989, it listed as a New York Times bestseller for nearly 12 months. It won the 1989 National Book Award for non-fiction and the 1989 Overseas Press Club Award for the Best Book on Foreign Policy. *From Beirut to Jerusalem* has been published in 10 different languages, including Japanese and Chinese, and is now used as a basic textbook on the Middle East in many high schools and universities.

This book has been called one of the best introductions to the Middle East ever written and Bookends unanimously agrees.

The book opens with a brief chronology beginning in the late 19th century, when Jews began settling in Palestine from Russia and Romania to avoid persecution. After World War I the Ottoman Empire was broken up and Palestine came under the control of Britain and France. These two countries split the land into what is now Palestine, Lebanon and Syria, dividing tribes and knitting together formerly unrelated parts of the region. In 1947, the United Nations voted to partition Palestine into two states, one for the Jews and one for the Palestinian Arabs, with Jerusalem to become an inter-

national enclave. It's been downhill ever since.

Thomas Friedman, currently the *New York Times* chief diplomatic correspondent, was stationed in the Middle East for ten years and earned two Pulitzer Prizes for international reporting, one for his coverage of Lebanon and the other for Israel. This book is the result of his time there, and that's what's so good about it. Although Friedman knows Middle Eastern history and gives us plenty of it, the book is far from a textbook. It's like you're riding shotgun in a dusty car through the villages and alleyways of the region, feeling the hot, dry wind on your skin and smelling the spices in the merchant bazaars as your driver spins story after story. Do not for one minute think you are in the Middle East of Scheherazade or Arabian Nights. Friedman's Beirut is an urban jungle, "the darkest corner of human behavior." You are not safe here.

Writes Friedman, "Beirutis talk about violence the way other people talk about the weather. When they ask, 'How is it outside?' they are not referring to the chance of precipitation but, rather, to the security climate in the streets. Lebanese radio stations compete...by trying to be the fastest and most accurate at warning drivers which roads are safe and which are not, the way local American stations do with traffic reports. You could literally hear a bulletin over Beirut radio saying: The main crossing point between East and West Beirut was closed at 5:00 p.m. due to a gunfight between two taxi drivers. Drivers are urged to use alternate routes." According to Friedman, a range of adjectives describes road conditions ranging from "totally secured by army or police" to "passable, but with a roughly 30% chance of kidnapping or sniping" to "completely unsafe."

At times of inconvenience, such as power blackouts, or overwhelming horror, such as 9/11, people's first instincts are to draw together into micro-societies based on neighborhoods, apartment houses, families, etc. These micro-societies often provide some of the structure and relief that usually are offered by the government. This was true in Beirut, even during the terrible sieges that devastated the city. "People discovered something about their inner strength when they were tested, like a metal that can only achieve its real hardness at the highest temperature," Friedman writes.

Friedman tells us of these everyday Beirutis, but also points to the ruthlessness of their leaders. He describes the annihilation of the Sunni Muslim town of Hama in Syria by the country's own president, Hafez al-Assad, in which as many as 25,000 people were murdered and then crushed, along with their buildings, into nothing.

In the Middle East the cultures, religions and bloodlines of the tribes still inform the thinking of the people, and to assist one side means cultivating the enmity of the others. Unlike the North versus the South in our Civil War, the Middle East has many, many sides, and Friedman gives us a powerful example of how our naiveté has devastating consequences. Just after dawn on October 23, 1983, a suicide bomber slammed a yellow Mercedes-Benz truck filled with 12,000 pounds of dynamite into the U.S. Marines headquarters in Beirut, killing 241 American servicemen. As an American colonel who witnessed the devastation told Friedman: "There may have been a fanatic driving that truck, but I promise you there was a cold, hard, political, calculating mind behind the planning and execution of it." Sound familiar?

Eventually, Friedman and his

family leave Beirut and go to live in Jerusalem, the second part of the book. You might think that Friedman, a Jew, would fall all over himself praising the leadership in Israel, but he does not. The great thing about his reportage is that it is so even-handed. He discusses the formation of the country, the leadership behind the Labor and Likud parties, the role that Jewish immigrants to America played in shaping Israel and Israel's love/hate relationship with American Jews. He talks about the distinction between Jews and Zionists, and about a country which sees itself as a victim while vowing to possess by any means the land between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea.

Although *From Beirut to Jerusalem* was published nearly 15 years ago, the information does not seem in the least dated. In fact, a later edition than the copy I read includes updated material since its original publication.

The *Boston Globe* recently ran an article headlined "Pentagon seeing new keys to victory." It described a new report being read by senior officials in which leading military strategists conclude that "superior firepower is no longer the key to securing a durable peace." The report goes on to say that a major element of success is the mastery of "social intelligence" by soldiers, diplomats, and aid workers "possessing a working knowledge of local culture and customs."

They'd better take Friedman's book with them.

Bookends meets the first Thursday of every month, 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Wilmington Memorial Library. Next meeting: December 4, to discuss *Fast Food Nation* by Eric Schlosser. All are welcome.

School Lunch Menus

Wilmington School System

Week of December 8, 2003

Boutwell and Wildwood

Monday: "Burger Day" hamburger or cheeseburger on a roll, pickle slices, macaroni salad, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets with assorted sauces, mashed potato, seasoned vegetable, wheat bread, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Wednesday: "Breakfast for Lunch", French toast sticks with syrup, sausage links, applesauce, chilled fruit, milk/juice, popcorn.

Thursday: Hot dog on a roll, oven baked French fries, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, school made cake.

Friday: Italian style pizza, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday: Grilled cheese sandwich, chicken noodle soup, carrot & celery sticks with low fat dip, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

Tuesday: Chicken "Drumsticks" (3) (drumstick shaped chicken nuggets), assorted sauces, mashed potato, seasoned green beans, dinner roll, chilled fruit, Sponge Bob milk/juice, jello with topping.

Wednesday: Early Dismissal: French toast sticks with syrup, turkey sticks, chilled fruit, milk/juice, popcorn.

Thursday: Loaded nachos, nacho chips, cheese sauce, tomato, lettuce, salsa and ground beef, seasoned rice chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Friday: Italian style pizza pepperoni opt., seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit/milk, juice, ice cream

Wilmington Middle School

Monday: Hamburger or cheeseburger on a roll, tomato, lettuce, onion, pickle, macaroni salad, milk/juice, ice cream.

Tuesday: Cold cut sub with sub fixings, (ham, cheese,

turkey, bologna), lettuce & tomato, opt., French fries smiles, chilled fruit, milk/juice, school made brownie.

Wednesday: School made soup, grilled cheese sandwich, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, Sponge Bob milk/juice, mini pretzels.

Thursday: Beefaroni (macaroni, ground beef & sauce), seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, French bread, milk/juice, dessert.

Friday: Pizza sticks. (2), tossed garden salad, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream

High School

Monday: Hamburger on a roll, cheese, pickle slices, onion, lettuce, tomato, seasoned vegetable, potato rounds/French fries, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert

Tuesday: Teriyaki dippers, whipped potato, seasoned vegetable, dinner roll, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert

Wednesday: Pasta with marinara sauce or meat sauce, seasoned vegetable, French bread & butter, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert

Thursday: Scrambled hamburger over mashed potato, sliced carrots, breadstick, chilled fruit, milk, juice, dessert

Friday: BBQ rib on bulkie roll, macaroni salad, seasoned vegetable, dill pickle, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream

Friday: Chilled juice, pizza with tomato & cheese, crisp salad, milk, pears.

Ryan School and Wynn Middle School

Monday: Cheese burger on roll, oven potato, corn, milk, fruit cocktail.

Tuesday: Orange juice, bagel with egg patty and cheese melt, salad, milk, chocolate cake.

Wednesday: Breaded chicken, whipped potato, carrots, hot roll, milk, jello.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, oven fries, cole slaw, homemade roll, milk, pudding.

Friday: Chilled juice, pizza with tomato & cheese, crisp salad, milk, pears.

Tewksbury High School

Monday: Cheeseburger on roll, oven potato, corn, milk, fruit cocktail.

Tuesday: Orange juice, bagel with egg patty & cheese melt, salad, milk, chocolate cake.

Wednesday: Breaded chicken, whipped potato, carrots, hot roll, milk, jello.

Thursday: Honey BBQ chicken strips, potato rounds, carrots, hot roll, milk, popsicle.

Friday: Chilled juice, pizza with tomato & cheese, crisp salad, milk, pears.

Shawsheen Technical High School

Week of December 8, 2003

Tewksbury School System

Week of December 8, 2003

Elementary School

Monday: Cheeseburger on roll, oven potato, corn, milk, cup of fruit cocktail.

Tuesday: Orange juice, French toast with syrup, cheese sticks, milk, applesauce.

Wednesday: Breaded chicken, whipped potato, carrots, hot roll, milk, jello.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets with dipping sauces, oven fries, cole slaw, homemade roll, milk, pudding.

Holiday social scheduled at Harnden Tavern

WILMINGTON - The Friends of the Harnden Tavern present their annual Holiday Social on Sunday, December 7th, 2003 from 1-4 pm. Enjoy an old fashioned holiday gathering at Wilmington's 18th century museum, The Col. Joshua Harnden Tavern, 130 Salem St. Wilmington. Donations at the door include: music, refreshments, holiday decorations, children's craft room and more. \$5 per person, \$15 per family of 4 or more.

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Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

Dewey in December

Melvil Dewey, the man responsible for establishing the Dewey decimal system of classifying books, was born December 10, 1851. You are invited to join the staff at the Wilmington Memorial Library celebrating Dewey's birthday. On Wednesday, December 10th, patrons can stop by for a bite of cake and take a few minutes to participate in the "Dewey Hunt." See how adept you are at finding items in the library. All who participate will earn a "free fine coupon". In addition, individuals who share the name Melvil (Melville) or Dewey or have a December 10th birth date, will receive a free T-shirt, donated by the Friends of the Library. Don't forget to take a copy of the helpful handout that breaks down the Dewey classification system by subject categories most often asked by our patrons.

Fiction Help from Reference Desk

Reference Librarians are best known for finding factual information. Reference librarians are also able to assist patrons in finding and selecting fiction that meets their interests. Reference Librarian Charlotte Wood, for example, recently helped a patron who was looking for an audio book that he had checked out once before. He couldn't remember the title or the author; all he could remember was that it was set during World War II and involved a photographer and a magazine like Life or Look. Using the "NoveList" database, which allows searching by plot keyword, it was determined that the audio book in question was *The End of the War* by

David Robbins. The patron, of course, was very pleased to have finally found the book he wanted to finish reading.

NoveList is part of the EBSCO database that is funded through the Wilmington Memorial Library's membership to the Merrimack Valley Library Consortium. Patrons who have a library card can access NoveList and other databases from their home computer via library's website www.wilmli.org. When you select "Web Sites and Databases" from the library's home page, you will find a drop-down menu on "Answers to Go" page. Select "EBSCO(MVLC)" and sign in with your library card. You will then be able to access the NoveList database.

Upcoming Children's Programs

Book Discussion

The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin will be discussed on Friday, December 5th at 3:30 p.m. This mystery, recommended for children grades 5 and above, won the Newbery Medal in 1979.

Snowflake Craft

Drop in on Saturday, December 6th from 9 am to 5 p.m. to create wintery snowflake designs, one for take-home and one for library display. All ages.

Time for Twos

Time for Twos, a half-hour drop-in story time for two year-olds and their caregivers, will be held on Thursday, December 11th at 10 a.m.

Story Time Registration

Registration for story times for 3, 4 and 5 year-olds (not yet attending kindergarten) will begin on Monday, December 15th. The six-week sessions run from January 6th through February 13th and will introduce children to the library and literature through picture books, songs, flannel board stories, finger plays, sound filmstrips and the borrowing of books.

Three year-olds may be registered for either Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. or Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Four and five year-olds (not yet attending kindergarten) may be registered for either Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. or Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Please call the Children's Room at (978) 694-2098 to register beginning on Monday, December 15th.

Upcoming Teen Events

Teen Comics Club

All middle and high school students are welcome to attend the Teen Comics Club meeting to be held on Monday, December 8th at 7 p.m. Come check out the library's collection of mangas, anime DVDs, and comic books. Draw your

favorite comic and anime characters! Door prize provided by the Friends of the Library.

New manga arrivals:

Jing, King of Bandits, Volume 1 by Yuichi Kumakura
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Emblem Club holding spaghetti dinner and penny sale

TEWKSBURY - The Tewksbury-Wilmington Emblem Club No. 381 will sponsor a homemade spaghetti supper on Wednesday, December 10, at the Lodge of Elks at 777 South Street in Tewksbury.

Ella Fortier, with assistance, will prepare dinner.

The fundraiser will support all community services and the Americanism project.

The spaghetti supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. with a donation of \$6.

The public is invited. Make dinner reservations by December 5 by calling 781-729-0812 or 978-851-2149 or e-mail boycegig@comcast.com.

A penny sale will follow the spaghetti supper.

Wilmington Senior Menu

Week of December 8, 2003

Monday: Scrambled hamburger over mashed potato, seasoned corn, bread & butter, chilled apricots, milk, dessert.

Tuesday: Baked ham with pineapple, sweet potato, seasoned green beans, oatmeal bread & butter, milk, jello with topping.

Wednesday: Meatloaf, oven baked potato, lettuce & tomato slices, chilled pear, lite rye bread and butter, milk, brownie.

Thursday: Chicken Cordon Bleu, creamy mashed potato, seasoned carrots, multi-grain bread and butter, cranberry sauce, milk, Swiss roll.

Friday: Tuna steak, whipped potato, tossed salad, whole wheat bread & butter, chilled mixed fruit, milk, ice cream.

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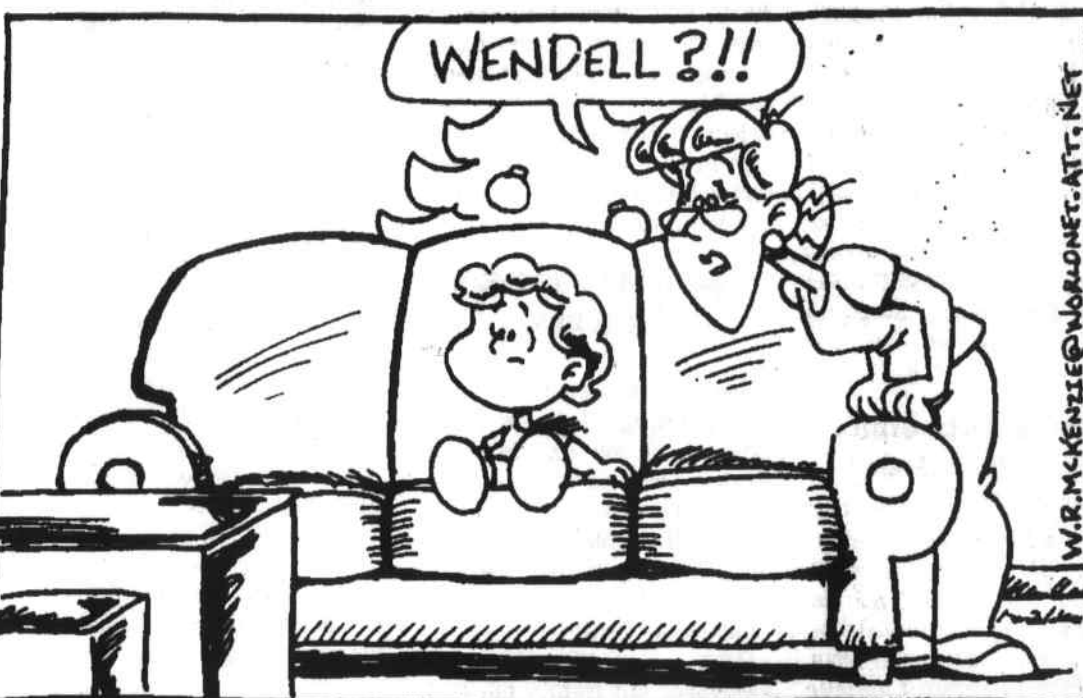
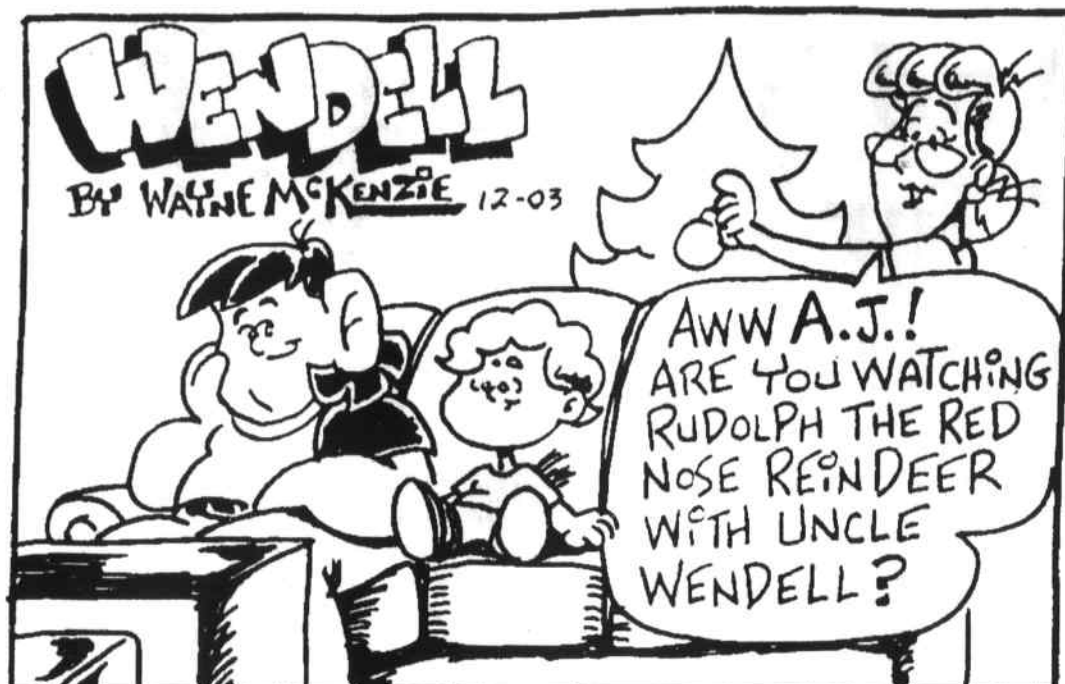
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Senior News

A message from Linda Brabant, the Director of the Tewksbury Senior Center ... Join in the planning of "Santa Day"

TEWKSBURY - An activities meeting will be held at the Tewksbury Senior Center on Friday, December 5, in the crafts room at 9 a.m. All are welcome to come on down and join in the planning of "Santa Day" and the events of 2004. The Senior Center "Cootie

Party" will also be held on December 5, beginning at 12:45 p.m. All are welcome to attend this fun event.

If you are attending one of the Council on Aging and Friends' Christmas Dinners at the Tewksbury Country Club next week, you should note the following. The doors on both evenings will open at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at approximately 6:30 p.m. There will be a cash bar and a Christmas raffle will be held. Bus transportation will only be available on Monday evening, December 8. Home pick-ups will begin at 4:30 p.m. Please be ready by this time and watch for the Tewksbury Transit Bus. Please keep in mind that not everyone will be picked up right at 4:30 p.m. It may take some time to get to your home.

Dinner table numbers and seating arrangements for both evenings have been posted on the Senior Center bulletin boards for your viewing. This listing will also be posted at the Country Club on the nights of the dinners. Requests for changes in tables must be done by Friday, December 5, keeping in mind that we will do our best to accommodate everyone, if possible.

Several representatives from the "Red Hat Society" will be at

the Senior Center next Wednesday, December 10. Perhaps you have seen a group of ladies wearing red hats and purple outfits...and having fun. Well, this will be your opportunity to find out what the "Red Hat Society" is all about. See you there.

The seniors will be holding a "Santa Day" at the Senior Center on Sunday, December 14, from 1 to 3 p.m. The afternoon will include ice cream sundaes and pictures with Santa. We ask that you try to get tickets prior to the event so we can order the appropriate amount of supplies. Tickets may be obtained at the Senior Center at the following costs: Tewksbury Seniors, \$1; other adults, \$2; and children, 50 cents.

The "Silver Tones Band" will be performing a Christmas Concert at the Senior Center on Friday, December 19, at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome to come on down and join in the festivities of the season. There is no charge for this event and refreshments will be served.

Here are some updates in regard to upcoming trips:

If you are traveling with us to see the Best of Times Christmas Holiday show on Monday, December 8, please be ready to leave the Center at 10:15 a.m.

If you were holding tickets for the two trips that were canceled to Nashua for shopping on December 4 or the Tree Festival on December 18, and you have not picked up your refund, you are reminded that we have some money for you in the Activities Office.

The next casino trip will be to Foxwoods on Monday, December 29. Tickets are \$20 and are on sale now. Once the tickets have been sold we will take names for the waiting list. No reservations will be taken over the phone for this trip.

An interest sheet for the Museum of Fine Arts Tea and Flower Tour plus the Gauguin Tahiti exhibit has been posted on the bulletin board outside the Craft Room. If this is a trip that interests you, please tell us there is enough interest, a trip to the museum will be planned for late winter or early spring.

We are in the process of planning the day-trip schedule for the winter months. If you have any suggestions about something that you have heard about or done, please let us know. It is most helpful if you could include any information that you have about the places you want to visit.

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Insurance Weekly

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

According to an Internet-based survey, most Americans with annual household incomes of \$100,000 or more lack sufficient life insurance to permanently replace their salaries. Respondents to the survey in this income category, however, still insist that they have adequate coverage. The survey went on to point out that 64.6% of all respondents had less than \$500,000 of life insurance, and 10.6% had less than \$100,000. Many insurance professionals recommend purchasing a minimum of seven to ten times one's annual salary as an income replacement to protect survivors. This survey would seem to point out that giving adequate thought to life insurance coverage may occupy a rather lowly spot on people's to-do lists; however, there is no staving off the inevitable.

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The Wilmington Garden Club will be holding their annual Festival of Trees on December 5th, 6th and 7th at the Arts Center on Middlesex Avenue.

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A message from Terry Marciello of the Wilmington Senior Center ... Giving Tree holds key to seniors' needs

WILMINGTON - The holiday season is upon us. Everyone is running to get their shopping done and send cards out to loved ones.

The Buzzell Senior Center is getting ready for the holiday season. We are able to continue our two very special gift-giving programs this year.

This will be the sixth year that we will be having our Annual "Giving Tree" event. As of December 1, there has been a special tree in our lobby that will hold written ornaments stating needed gifts for the elders in Wilmington. This tree will give the community an opportunity to help other people in the community. Feel free to come down and take an ornament off the tree, and after you prepared your gift, (for example: holiday plant, scarf, gloves, gift certificates to the local grocery stores, stamps, food basket, etc.) bring it back to the center wrapped for the holidays the week of December 15. This gift is personally delivered to bring a bit of cheer to Wilmington elders.

If you should know anyone who could benefit from this program please call Terri Marciello at 978-657-7595. There are no names given out to the public, everything is kept confidential. Thanks in advance to the many residents who help make this event possible.

The second program is "Toys for Tots." There is a box in our lobby to collect unwrapped toys for all children.

Feel free to come down anytime between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to bring a bit of happiness for chil-

dren this holiday. Toys will be picked up weekly by West Real Estate.

Once again, the elders of Wilmington are being sponsored to a dinner on Thursday, December 4. The Methodist Church has invited Wilmington elders to a lovely meal at 6 p.m.

If anyone should need transportation to this meal, please contact the center at 978-657-7595. We thank the Methodist Church very much for their on going support.

On December 9, we are having our Special Homebound Meal. This meal is personally delivered by volunteers to 100 Wilmington elders that are homebound due to illness, recent discharge from the hospital or inability to get out on their own.

If you are able to assist in making these deliveries contact Mary Lipski at the front desk.

On Thursday December 18, we will be having our Commissioners Meeting with a guest speaker from Minuteman Senior Services to discuss their money management program. This program provides elders assistance with their preparing monthly finances and budgets.

Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy Holiday. I would like to wish everyone that has supported the Department of Elderly Services a very special holiday. Due to your support, the department has accomplished numerous events, programs and special attention for the elders of Wilmington.



JUNIOR USHER MATTHEW PERIMIAN AND
FLOWERGIRL MARGE KENDALL

Flowergirl at age 85!

TEWKSBURY - On September 27, Vicki DelleDonne, the daughter of Ernie and Debbie DelleDonne, married Brian Murray, the son of Robert and Roberta Murray, all of Tewksbury. The wedding took place at St. Anthony's Parish in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, with a ceremony that followed at The Newport Regatta Club in Newport, Rhode Island.

Flowergirl Marge Kendall, 85, walked down the aisle with Junior Usher Matthew Perimian at the wedding of her granddaughter, Vicki DelleDonne.

Since Vicki was a little girl,

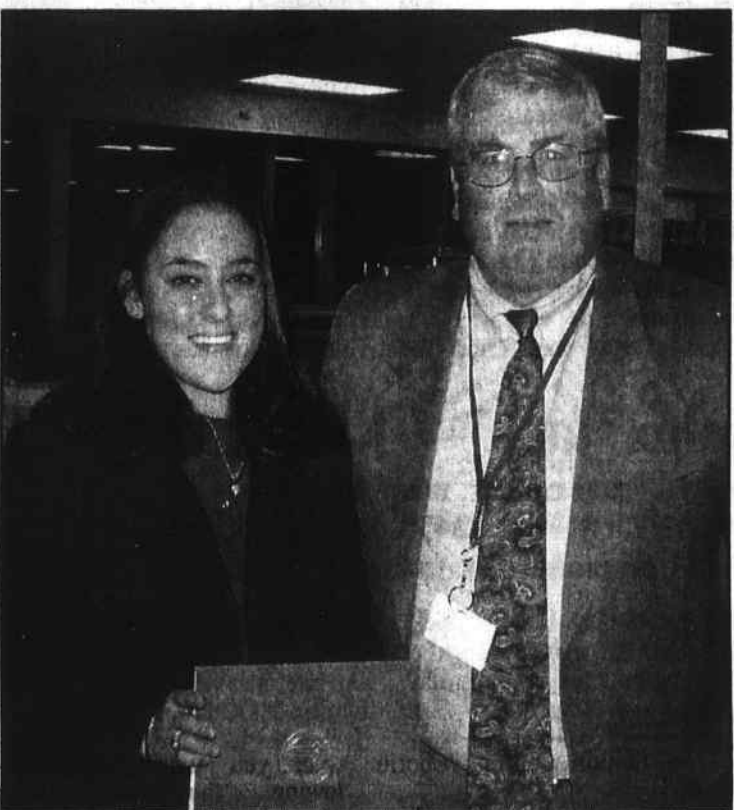
she always told her grandmother that she would be her flowergirl when she got married. Happily, that day came true and her grandmother proudly walked down the aisle as her granddaughter's flowergirl. So you see, you're never too old. Marge, who lived in Wilmington for 73 years, now resides in Tewksbury.

"She had a great time," says Debbie DelleDonne. "She was quite proud of herself that she was able to do it."

DelleDonne is especially grateful to her sister, Dottie O'Donnell, who helped Marge make it to the wedding.



SCOUTING A TREE. Girl Scouts Ashley Freitag, left, and Colleen Garcy, right, helped decorate a tree for the Festival of Trees currently on display at the Tewksbury Public Library. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)



EXCELLENT WORK, JENNIFER. At the Wilmington School Committee meeting on November 19, Superintendent of Schools William H. McAluff presented Jennifer Earls with the Certificate of Academic Excellence from the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents.

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PUTTING THE "WILD" IN WILD GRAPES. Matthew Nobile, seen here on the saxophone, follows the sheet music that is displayed for him by his mother, Melissa, during a performance of the Wild Grapes at the Annual Bell Ringing at the Wilmington Memorial Library on Tuesday, December 2. Melissa Nobile is the musical director of The Wild Grapes, which has performed together locally for nine years. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Please join us for an
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Obituaries

John W. LaVigne

formerly of Wilmington; owned and operated Viper Industries

WILMINGTON - John W. "The Viperman" LaVigne of Westford and formerly of Wilmington and Woburn, died in Lynnfield on Monday evening, November 24, 2003 after a lengthy illness. Born in Melrose on December 11, 1958, he attended Melrose Schools and was a graduate of Melrose High School. John owned and operated Viper Industries in Westford, which was an on-site Trailer Fleet Maintenance Company in Westford. He has been a resident of Westford for the past 5 years.

He was known for his great sense of humor, he enjoyed being with people and being the center of attention. John was a very caring person, who worked very hard and played very hard. He enjoyed snowmobiling and 4 and 6 wheel ATV's. He loved nature, the outdoors and had a special love for raising animals. He enjoyed cars, he had a Hummer and a Jaguar Convertible. He showed great strength and courage through his long battle with cancer.

Family members include his loving long time companion Deborah Garbino of Lynnfield. His parents Gerald W. and Laura M. "Lolly" Meuse of North Reading. A brother, Marshall LaVigne and his wife Christine of Melrose. Sisters Mary Algiers of Andover; Patricia Hagman of Woburn; Diana LaVigne of Miami, FL. and Debra Hogan and her husband Andrew of Leicester, VT. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Funeral was held from the

Croswell Funeral Home, 19 Bow Street, North Reading on Saturday, November 29, at 9:45 AM, followed by a funeral mass at St. Theresa's Church. Rev.



Daniel McCoy was the Celebrant. John Courtemance was the organist and Donna Hennessey was the soloist, music included Amazing Grace, Shepherd Me O' God; Only This I Want, Be Not Afraid, Ave Maria, and On Eagles Wings. Readings were done by Jacqueline Algiers and Benjamin Hogan. The Gifts were brought to the Alter by Andrew Garbino, Elizabeth Hagman, Christopher Hogan, Melissa and James LaVigne.

Pallbearers were, David Algiers, Josh Garbino, David Hagman, Marshall LaVigne, David Marcotti and Mike Sergeff. A Eulogy was given by Diana LaVigne. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Alfred E. Piepiora

resident of Deming Way; recipient of Purple Heart; at 88

WILMINGTON - Alfred E. Piepiora, of Wilmington, died on December 1, 2003, at Lahey Clinic Medical Center in

Burlington, after a brief illness, at 88 years of age. Mr. Piepiora had been a resident of Deming Way, Wilmington, for many years.

Mr. Piepiora was the father of Robert Piepiora of Peabody, he leaves two sisters, Judith King

and Joanna Butler both of Florida, also survived by several grandchildren, also several nieces.

Mr. Piepiora was a Veteran of WWII, he was a recipient of the Purple heart, and he saw action in the European Theatre of Operations.

A graveside service was held in the Veteran's lot in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Arrangements by Nichols Funeral home of Wilmington.

Deborah F. Shea

former Burlington school teacher and librarian; member of the Wilmington Women's Club

WILMINGTON - Deborah F. Shea (Blazo), a longtime resident of Wilmington, formerly of Burlington and Norton, died on November 26, 2003 in Sturdy Memorial Hospital in Attleboro. Mrs. Shea was the daughter of the late Harold and Mary Blazo. She was the widow of the late Harold S. Shea, and the dear mother of Christopher H. Shea of Walpole and his wife Christine, the grandmother of Jessica, Courtney and Bonnie Shea, all of Walpole. She was the sister of the late Elsa Leahy and Cynthia Deming.

A former school teacher and

school librarian, Mrs. Shea taught school in Burlington, MA., for many years. She was a graduate of Fitchburg State College and a member of the Wilmington Women's Club.

Visiting hours for Mrs. Shea will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2003, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt 62) Wilmington, followed by a memorial service at 11:00 AM. Burial will be in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the charity of your choice.

Tewksbury students shine at Academic Decathlon

TWEEKSBURY - On Saturday, November 22, the Tewksbury Memorial High School Academic Decathlon Team headed to Framingham High School for a state competition. Twenty-two students from the largest schools in the state took six tests that included: math, language arts, music, arts, eco-

nomics and science. They also ended the day with a Super Quiz focused on Lewis and Clark's Expedition. For the Tewksbury Team, veteran Alex Herzog won a Brass medal for his high score in math. Kim Perley received a medal for the highest scoring team member,

"TIS THE SEASON. Anthony Maino, 3, checked out the tree decorated by the Lions Club as part of the Festival of Trees currently on display at the Tewksbury Public Library. Worry not - That lion underneath the tree did not nip his foot. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

John "Jack" V. Kelley, 3rd

retired letter carrier; member of K of C Council #4982; V.F.W. Post #2458, D.A.V. Chapter 110; Past Commander of American Legion Post #136

WILMINGTON - John "Jack" V. Kelley III, age 71 years, of Wilmington, died on Saturday, November 29, 2003, at his residence.

He was born on Saturday, January 23, 1932, at the Sunnyside Hospital in Somerville, the son of the late John V. Kelley Jr., and the late

Josephine M. (Herlihy) Kelley. Mr. Kelley grew up in Charlestown where he entered into the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He moved to Wilmington in 1961 and was employed as a letter carrier for the Medford Postal Service until his retirement in 1987. Mr. Kelley was a Life Member and a 3rd degree member of the Fr. Edmund W. Croke Council #4982 Wilmington Knights of Columbus, the Wilmington Nee-Ellsworth Post #2458 V.F.W., the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 110, a Past Commander of the Wilmington American Legion Post #136 and the National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 34.

Mr. Kelley is survived by his beloved wife Rita Yvonne (Brade) Kelley, his children Deborah Ann Kelley and her friend Joseph Steen, Jr. of Wilmington, Denise Christine Conceison and her husband Daniel of Littleton, Darlene Kathleen Ray and her husband Joseph Jr. of Wilmington, and Dale Joan Baker and her husband Michael of Tewksbury; his grandchildren David Robert Shukis, Christine Diane Shukis, Katelyn Claire Ray, Danielle Kelley Conceison, Timothy John Conceison, Michael Patrick Baker, Julia Yvonne Baker and Alyson Kelley Baker; his brother George Kelley and his wife Mary Lou of Wilmington and his sister Joanne Harrington and her husband John of Largo, FL., (formerly of Charlestown); his niece Mary Hill and her husband Robert of Tewksbury and his nephews George Kelley of Wilmington, Dennis Kelley and his wife Stephanie of Wilmington, and John Harrington Jr. and his wife Sharon of Charlestown. Mr. Kelley was also the father of the late Robert Michael Kelley and the late Diane Marie Kelley of Wilmington.

His funeral will be held from the W.S. Cavanaugh & Son Funeral Home, 374 Main Street (RT. 38), Wilmington, on Thursday December 4, at 8:45 followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Thomas Church at 10:00 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend visiting hours on Wednesday, December 3, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Interment will take place in the family lot Wildwood Cemetery, in Wilmington.

Memorial donations may be made to the Salvation Army, 739 Water Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420 -6479. For Guestbook and information please visit www.cavanaughfuneralhome.com

Jeannette M. St. Hilaire

Wilmington resident since 1936; member of Senior Center; at 104

WILMINGTON - Jeannette M. (Clairmont) St. Hilaire, age 104 years, a Wilmington resident since 1936, died on November 24, 2003 at the Wilmington Health Care Center in Wilmington.

She was born on Saturday, October 28, 1899, in Nova Scotia, Canada, the daughter of the late Alfred and the late Lydia (Deviller) Clairmont. Mrs. St. Hilaire was a communicant of St. Thomas Church and a member of the Wilmington Senior Citizens. Mrs. St. Hilaire was the beloved wife of the late Ronaldo J. St. Hilaire; and is survived by her children Mary Ann Giordani and her husband Louis of Hingham, Paul J. St. Hilaire of North Andover and Dorothy E. Allen and her husband Robert

of Woburn; her sisters Martha Vaughn of Nova Scotia, Canada and Madelyn Oliva of Texas; her brothers-in-law Roland St. Hilaire of Arlington and Gerard St. Hilaire of Gilford, NH. Mrs. St. Hilaire is also survived by 8 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Her Funeral Mass was held from St. Thomas Church, 126 Middlesex Ave, Wilmington, on Saturday, November 29, 2003, at 11:00 am. Interment took place in the family lot Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington, MA. 01887.

Services were performed under the direction of W.S. Cavanaugh & Son Funeral Home, Wilmington. For Guestbook and information please visit www.cavanaughfuneralhome.com

Francis W. Stevens

longtime Wilmington resident; at 87

WILMINGTON - Francis W. "Frank" Stevens, 87, a longtime resident of Wilmington died

Saturday, November 22, 2003 at Mass General Hospital in

Boston. He was the husband of the late Agnes (Blackley) Stevens. He was born in Cambridge on December 8, 1915 and graduated from Medford High School in 1933. Mr. Steven's was a US Army veteran of WWII.

He is survived by his children, Patricia Dudley of Maine, Margaret Smith of New York, Karen White and Frank Stevens of Wilmington, MA. He was the cherished grandfather of six and great-grandfather of seven. He was the dear brother of Edward Stevens of FL.

A funeral was held on November 26 at the Joseph Doherty Funeral Home. Interment was at the Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

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Tewksbury Cultural Council receives grant

TEWKSBURY - The Tewksbury Cultural Council has received a \$5,190 grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. By October 15, the council had received 23 applications for cultural projects and PASS, a ticket subsidy program for school-age children and scholarships.

The Massachusetts Cultural Council is a state agency that supports public programs in the arts, sciences, and humanities. It makes distributions to Local Cultural Councils statewide.

Each community's allocation from the MCC is determined using a Local Aid Formula. Local councils are run by municipally appointed community volunteers who evaluate applications once a year based on local needs and interests.

Individuals and organizations may apply for general

support projects such as workshops, lectures, exhibits, festivals, science education, scholarships and artist projects- or for PASS funding to enable schools and youth groups to take students, Pre-K-12, to cultural performances outside of school. Grants are awarded after considering the pre-arrangement of performances, benefit to the community, the qualifications of the individuals or organizations involved, community interest and involvement and the population segments served.

This year, the council is awarding Shawshen Valley Technical High School, Museum of Science and DeCordova Museum trips; Norman DeMarais, Free Interfaith Choral Concerts on 12/14/03 and 5/16/04; Friends

of the Tewksbury Library, Music; Sarah Freeman and Ann Davidson, History of American Music at the Senior Center; Tewksbury Garden Club Arbor Day Education Project for Tewksbury graders; Heath Brook PAC, Paul Revere House trip; Lowell Philharmonic Orchestra, Tewksbury Hospital Anniversary Concert on May 1, 2004; Patricia Powers storytelling for K-6 graders; Tewksbury Community of Artists, Annual Art Show in September, 2004; Tewksbury Memorial High School ECHO Club, Taste of TMHS Cookbook; Tewksbury Public Library, Teen Writing Workshop Series for Summer of 2004; and Tewksbury Senior Center, Tour of Sandwich Glass Museums on April 12, 2004.

Free Christmas concerts offered at church

TEWKSBURY - Mr. Robert Mulford, organist and choir director at First Baptist Church in Tewksbury, will present a series of informal programs of Christmas music. The dates of these programs are Wednesday December 10 and Wednesday December 17.

All shows will be from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sanctuary of First Baptist Church. Programs are open to the public.

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Legislation protects state employees on military duty

BOSTON - Representative James R. Miceli, the Vice Chairman of the House Committee on Rules, is pleased to announce that Governor Mitt Romney signed into law legislation that will help those serving in the military on active duty.

This law, which was passed in both branches with an emergency preamble, a procedure that allows for the law to be effective upon signature of the Governor, will provide state employees, who have been called to active military duty since September 11, 2001, with the differential cost between their military and state salaries. In addition, state employees on active military duty will not lose any seniority, accrued vacation

leave, sick leave, personal leave, compensation time or earned overtime.

This law will affect 260 state employees called to service since September 11, 2001. The average salary for enlisted military is about \$35,381 while the average salary for the 260 employees is \$46,017, a difference of approximately \$10,000.

"I am glad I was able to work on such an important piece of legislation," Miceli said. "We owe an incredible debt of gratitude to these men and women who are willing to put their lives on the line to defend our freedoms. The least we should do is make sure they do not experience undue financial hardship by doing so."

Dewing School announces first term honor roll

The following students have been named to the honor roll at the Loella F. Dewing School in Tewksbury for the first marking period:

High Honors
Ashley Berquist
Alexanders Bouthot
Rebecca Clark
Alex Dane
Emily Fugate
David Hecht
Kevin Kirkland
Hannah Kuegler
Natalia Kuegler
April McDermott
Catherine Morgan
Alicia Napolitano
Derek Sabbag
Andrew Schiavone
Shannon Shikles
CJ Sutherland
Honor Roll
Stephanie Aliano
Kyri Barilone
Jessica Bridle
Kristen Callanan
Kendall Carrigan
Jaclyn Carroll
Victoria Castano

Nicole Confalone
Amanda Cossar
Tori Cossette
Allison Cross
Amy D'Entremont
Mark Daley
Adam DeGregorio
Christina Dick
Emma Doherty
Vanessa Draper
Steven Dwyer
Ryan Eatherton
Jamie Flynn
Sarah Forest
Ashley Freitag
Daniel Frost
Melissa Granoff
Patrick Grinley
Marissa Guardino
Stephanie Hart
Eric Heider
Katelyn Hirsh
Rachel Hurton
Monika Hyberts
Matthew Kando
Jessica Kenney
George Kuegler
Aleah Landry
Benjamin Lauer
Christopher London

Madalyn Lovejoy
Allison Luppi
Daniel MacNeil
Jonathan McHatton
Francis McLaughlin
Shannon McQueen
Connor Morris
Andrew Muise
Mikayla Murphy
Nicole Pelligrini
Charles Randolph
Sabrina Reynolds
Christopher Ricciardi
Shayla Riley
Kevin Sassin
Ryan Savastano
Connor Seavey
Michael Serrao
Natalie Starliper
Tyler Stein
Bailey Taylor
Lauren Teixeira
Christopher Trickett
Rachel Vonkahle
Shaun Wackrow
Zachary Walker
Allison Wang
Michelle Ward

Don't let the cold get to you - Think spring and consider sailing course

NEWBURYPORT - "Sailboating for Beginners" is scheduled to begin on April 26, 2004 in Newburyport and will meet Monday evenings, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for four weeks. This is an annual course, which is open to the general public, sailors and powerboaters. No previous boating experience is necessary.

This course is designed to meet the needs of both the "beginner," who wants to learn more about sailboating and boating safety, as well as for the "non-sailing power boaters," who may want to either broaden their skills or simply get a better understanding of the "sailing crowd,"

their sailing habits, maneuvers, limitations, etc.

The course will include: sailboat theory and techniques; boating safety; rules of the road; basic piloting and navigation; popular knots; marine electronics; winds and weather boating terminology; and safe boat handling skills.

Registration forms may be obtained at the restaurants, or by calling (978) 502-9330, or e-mailing to: highseasjohn@yahoo.com. The course fee of \$69 is payable with registration, as seating for this popular course will be on a first come first serve basis.

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Class of 2010 Tewksbury's Ryan Elementary School announces honor roll

High Honors

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Ashley Camilo
Marie Caprio
Megan Chan
Frank Chiara
Stacy Connolly
Evan Cutelis
Rachel Didonato
Evan Goldsher
Theresa Harcourt
Jacob Haversat
Jocelyn Haversat
Kayleigh Hersh
Kayla Hurley
Karie Judge
Becca Kanalos
Priya Kanja
Kerry Kawalski
Courtney Kellogg
Hyukrae Kim
Michelle Logan
Thomas Long
Jenna Lozowski
Michelle Maffeo
Sean-Patrick McCormick
James McDermott
Courtney McMillian
Michelle Mistretta
Erin Murphy
Allison Noyes
Jeffrey Oberg
Eric Paquette
Kelsey Parker
Jessica Peterson
Lindsay Phenix
Lisa Poore
Rebecca Quigley
Bonnie Regan
Kaitlyn Richardson
Lyndsay Robinson
Nicholas Rose
Trace Salvato
Joseph Samson
Keegan Sheehy

Adam Strandberg
Kerri Stuart
Tracy Tecce
Erin Tibbetts
Melanie Trickett
Michael Walsh
Samuel Weitz
Hillary Whitney
Sarah-Ann Willette
Kevin Wong

Honor Roll

Erica Anderson
Kathryn Anzuoni
Nicholas Ashley
Angelique Asikis
Michael Ballway
Hailee Bartrum
Mark Bender
Charlotte Brace
Nicholas Bradley
Tyler Brice
Tyler Bulger
Kimberly Carroll
Jeanelle Cheetham
Michael Collier
Hilliary Comeau
Christina Constantineau
Alex Cronis
Megan Crowley
Sarah DaGostino
Amy Decelles
Andrew Demajo
Thomas Dennehy
Katherine Diamond
Lauren Dicedico
Cameron Doherty
Kiley Donoghue
Casey Dulong
Nicole Erwin
John Fierimonte
Kaila Flynn
Meghan Fontaine
Erin Foster
Phyllis Francis

Allison Frazier
Jahaira Garcia
Otero
Jillian Garipey
Jamie Gazelle
Robert Grant
Molly Grzelczyk
Alison Hammersley
Elaine Hartigan
Patrick Hashem
Ashley Hebert
Sean Helm
Kaitlin Hernandez
Elita Hit
Jennifer Hogan
Timothy Hurley
Jenelle Indelicato
David Jelley
Craig Jessee
Megan Johnson
Danielle Kelley
Shannon Keohane
Meagan Killion
Andrew Lafortune
Katelyn Lamoureux
Katelyn Larson
Nickolas Leccese
Andrew Lee
Jason Levesque
Leah Lewin
Emily Locke
Michael Ludka
Alyssa Maia
Michael Marshall
Megan Martin
Brendan McBrine
Meghan McCarthy
Stephanie McKenna
Kelly Miliano
Janelle Minichiello
Valerie Moore
Alexander Moose
Elizabeth Morgan
Christopher Murphy
Marcus Omaiye
Katie O'Neil
Michael Padden
Brittany Pandolph
Matthew Pelrine
Kristina Petrie
Samantha Pietrello
Abigail Pinard
Emily Pontes
Nicole Reilly
Dylan Robichaud
Jessica Romano
Emily Russo
Lauren Scheipers
Brett Scott
Meghan Sheehan
Melissa Shikles
Connor Silva
Melody Smith
John Sullivan
Scott Surette
Janelle Theisen
Brad Tosto
Brittany Tosto
Julia Tran
Uyen Tran
Jennifer Vollmar
Stephanie Walker
May Watson
Kevin White
Rachel Wilk
Laura Williams
Stephanie Wogan



RINGS A BELL. Emma Nobile, the youngest member of a local band named the Wild Grapes, rang a bell with the Bell Ringers from the Wilmington United Methodist Church during a concert at the Wilmington Memorial Library on Tuesday, December 2.

(Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Class of 2011 Tewksbury's Ryan Elementary School announces honor roll

High honors

Lauren Andella
Victoria Aronson
Michael Begonis
Olivia Bennett
Kayla Benvenuto
Kerstin Broisma
Andrea Caprio
Sara Carabbio
Victoria Catanzano
Stephen Cohen
Katie Conklin
Elizabeth Connolly
Brendan Day
Amanda Debarros
Nicole Demboski
Julia Didonato
Alexis Dirk
Brian Donahue
Colin Foley
Stephanie Fronduto
Imene Hamza
Melissa Hanson
Jane Hatzikonstantis
Joseph Hulme
Dylan Leone
Sydney Lopolito
Julia Loschiavo
Matthew Luppi
Sean Macleod
Taylor Martel
Alyssa Martucci
Stacy Matranga
Christina McCormick
Kelly McDougall
Scott Middleton
Katie Mulno
Erin Murphy
Hannah Oliver
Gina Papageorgiou
Jessica Pappagianopoulos
Emily Parker
Nicholas Parsons
Carolyn Phaneuf
Kevin Poulin
Robert Pruyne
Jefferson Rauseo
Eric Richards
Megan Robertson
Patricia Ryan
Anthony Salani
Hannah Sedgwick
Cassandra Shmarian
Alexander Smith
Lauren Spencer
Peter Stratis
Daniel Sugrue
Hayley Sweet
Mathew Sweet
Courtney Taber
Christina Tamboli
Ashley Toland
Allyson Trayah
Gabrielle Trodella
Leanne Tucker
Joshua Boto
Courtney Waite
Brittney Wallace

Honor Roll

Derrick Acosta
Jessica Adams
Daniel Agostinelli
Anthony Arcari
Mary Ballway
Joshua Barnes
James Barry
Jennifer Berian
Patrick Bernardo
Hailey Blois
Nicholas Bonaiuto
Mathew Bonomo
Andrea Borges
Brooke Mallahan
Sarah Bowden
Jennifer Bowers
Breanna Budryk
Jennifer Buono
Sarah Burch
Paul Carafelli
Keegan Callahan
Vincent Cambio
Christopher Campbell
Elizabeth Carie
Jenna Carlson
Heather Carroll
Ryan Casey
Jonathan Choroszy
Maleeha Choudhary
Mathew Cobuccio
Nicole Cochrane
Eric Cohen
Victoria Cole
Renee Conlin
Sean Connolly
Trevor Cordwell
Jacob Coward
Jessica Cronin
Nicole Crowley
Nicolas Cunha
Andrew Cuniff
Marissa Dalton
Christopher Deacetis
Zachary Demarco
Nicole Devoe
Kaweh Dias
Michael Diecidue
John Digiorgio
Angela Diliberto
Eric Dion
Renee Domegan
Kimberly Fairweather
James Fallon
Frank Ferraina
Brian Fitzpatrick
Molly Fitzpatrick
Kayley Fleming
Jessica Frost
David Gallotto
Sean Gorman
Megan Grayson
Alexandra Greene
Robert Greenwood
Emily Guilian
Brian Haley
Meghan Hamilton
Shannon Heafey
Stephen Higgins 111
Lindsey Hinxman
Hannah Hoffmann
Jacquelyn Hopkinson
Matthew Horgan
Cameron Houdlette
Andrew Hudson
William Jennings
Iliana Joaquin
Adam Johnson

Brian Johnson
Jessica Kanalos
Alyssa Kelly
Erik Kelly
Caroline Keniston
Jillian Labonte
Nicholas Lacascis
Michael Layne
Alexandra Locke
Alex Lombardi
Jenny Luo
Christina Lusardi
Ian Mackinnon
Kristen Mader
Shelby Madore
Brianna Mahoney
Brooke Mallahan
Frank Mazzei
Sean McCarthy
Kevin McCauley
Shannon McLaughlin
Tyler McQuesten
Ashley Medeiros
Robert Melanson
Samantha Meuse
Jamie Minton
Sara Mondello
Paul Moriarty
Kyle Morris
Kyle Murphy
Nicole Neves
Kyle O'Brien
Michael Patenaude
James Peddle
Mark Petti
Amanda Pietrello
Sean Plunkett
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Christina Restuccia
Sarah Reynolds
Alex Richards
Elizabeth Riley
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Wilmington Recreation Department has tickets to big shows

DORA THE EXPLORER- Want to see Dora the Explorer in person? Problem solved! Wilmington Recreation has tickets to the January 31, 2004, 5 p.m. performance at the Wang Center. Orchestra seats are \$35.00 per ticket. Call the Recreation Department at (978) 658-4270 for more information, or stop by the office at Town Hall, room 8, to reserve tickets.

MOVIN' OUT is moving into Boston.

Hailed by Time Magazine as the #1 show of the year, the Billy Joel Musical Movin' Out is the story of six lifelong friends told over two turbulent decades. Wilmington Recreation has tickets to the April 8, 2004, 8:00 p.m. performance at the Colonial Theatre. Orchestra seats are \$87.00 per ticket, including bus transportation.

Call the Recreation Department at (978) 658-4270 for more information or stop by the office at Town Hall, room 8 to reserve tickets.

LION KING Theatre Trip- Due to the overwhelming demand for tickets to the Lion King, Wilmington Recreation has added a third performance date for 2004. They have tickets to the August 19, 2004, 7:30 p.m. performance at the newly renovated Opera House in Boston. Floor seats are \$91.00 per ticket which includes bus transportation. Call the Recreation Department at (978) 658-4270 for more information, or stop by the office at Town Hall, room 8 to reserve tickets.

B.B. KING, the king of the blues is performing at the Lowell Auditorium. The REcreation Department has tickets for the Wednesday,

January 7, 2004, 8:00 p.m. performance. Tickets are \$45.00 per ticket. Call the Recreation Department at (978) 658-4270 for more information, or stop by the office at Town Hall, room 8 to reserve tickets.

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Staff reports that appeared in The Woburn Daily Times Chronicle, the parent newspaper of the Town Crier, contributed to this article.

More information about this Saturday's festivities is available by contacting the Chamber of Commerce office at 978-657-7211.

Donations in Ray's memory may be made to the Alzheimers Association, 36 Cameron Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02140

Sun: 12 noon – 7:30 pm



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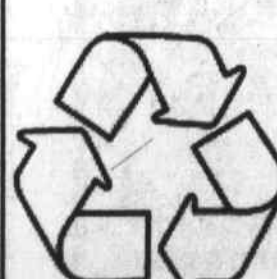
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Wilmington Police Log

Monday, November 24
John Kennedy, 29, of Wilmington, was arrested at his residence at 134 Salem Street on the basis of a warrant.

Mark Blanchette, 25, of Wilmington, was arrested at his residence at 35 Moore Street on the basis of a warrant.

Tuesday, November 25
A motor vehicle-related accident was reported on Main Street.

Wednesday, November 26
Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Adelaide Street, Church Street, Main Street, and Glen Road.

An allegedly intoxicated group of people reportedly disturbed the peace at the 99 Restaurant on Lowell Street.

Officers helped resolve a dispute that occurred between neighbors on Parker Street.

A residence was reportedly burglarized on Wildwood Street.

A dispute reportedly occurred between neighbors on Woburn Street.

Thursday, November 27
A vehicle was reportedly stolen while it was parked on Taplin Avenue.

Authorities responded to two separate reports of domestic disturbances at residences on Woburn Street and Cedarcrest Road.

Daniel Avellino, of Wilmington, was arrested in the vicinity of 70 Glen Road and was charged with operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, illegally possessing a Class D substance, and failing to stay within the marked lanes of travel.

Friday, November 28
A motor vehicle-related accident was reported on Concord Street.

A rock was reportedly thrown

through the window of a home on King Street Extension.

Sean Mathew Colclough, 31, of Wilmington, was arrested in the vicinity of 3 Lee Street on the basis of a warrant.

Donna Plachowicz, 51, of Tewksbury, was arrested in the vicinity of 1 Burlington Avenue and was charged with operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and failing to stay within the marked lanes of travel.

Saturday, November 29
A motor vehicle-related accident was reported on Main Street.

A window in a building at Benevento Sand & Stone on Salem Street was reportedly maliciously broken and a window-mounted air conditioner was also allegedly maliciously kicked.

Kevin Ventre, 21, of Wilmington, was arrested in

the vicinity of 120 Main Street and was charged with operating a vehicle after the suspension of his driver's license and speeding.

Silvestre Lima, 48, of Brockton, was arrested on Interstate 93 and was charged with operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and failing to stay within the marked lanes of travel.

Sunday, November 30
Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Main Street and Butters Row.

A vehicle was reportedly "keyed" while in the Sunrise Market parking lot on Main Street.

Authorities responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Oak Street.

Post Office collecting Toys For Tots

WILMINGTON/TEWKSBURY- Wilmington and Tewksbury Post Offices are taking part in the Marine Corps Reserve "Toys for Tots" program. Charles Boncore, Postal Service Coordinator, said the two postal facilities are among 24 in the Massachusetts District that will serve as collection centers for toys for needy children.

"Please donate a new, unwrapped toy," Boncore urged, adding, "Remember, the toys needed are for all age groups, even teenagers, to open on Christmas morning."

Boncore said persons wishing

to donate toys can bring them to Wilmington Post Office, 18 Church St., or Tewksbury Post Office, 1751 Main St., by December 17.

Boncore, who has been affiliated with the Marine Corps Reserve Toys For Tots program since 1979, said nearly 20,000 toys were collected by Massachusetts District postal facilities last year.

Persons wishing more information can call the postal installations: (978) 658-8063, James Quinn, Wilmington Postmaster; or (978) 851-6300, Joanna Louf, Tewksbury Postmaster.

Tewksbury Police Log

Monday, November 24
Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on East Street and Town Hall Avenue.

Authorities logged a complaint in regard to an argument between individuals in an apartment on Old Boston Road that reportedly disturbed the peace.

Excessive noise reportedly emanated from a residence on Cinnamon Circle where music was being played.

Holiday decorations were reportedly maliciously destroyed at a residence on Forest Avenue.

Paintballs were reportedly maliciously fired at a home on Webster Avenue.

Donald Brooks, 38, of Methuen, was arrested in the vicinity of 450 Main Street on the basis of a warrant.

Tuesday, November 25
Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Kendall Road, Woburn Street, and Main Street.

Authorities responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Pleasant Street.

James Liegakos, 22, of North Andover, was arrested in the vicinity of 150 Kendall Road and was charged with operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and illegally possessing a Class D substance.

Denford Brown, 40, of

Dorchester, was arrested in the vicinity of 85 Main Street and was charged with operating a vehicle after the suspension of his driver's license.

Ryan Stonerod, 20, of Lowell, was arrested on Powerline Road and was charged with operating a vehicle after the suspension of his driver's license.

Wednesday, November 26
Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Main Street, Brown Street, and Foster Road.

Authorities responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Vale Street.

Rachel Morriston, 20, of Lowell, was arrested at 1910 Andover Street and was charged with two counts of larceny of property valued at more than \$250.

Thursday, November 27
A fight reportedly occurred between two youths on Astle Street.

A tire of a vehicle on Meredith Road was reportedly maliciously slashed.

Eric Gaur, 22, of Tewksbury, was arrested at his residence at 66 Pike Street and was charged with disorderly conduct.

Friday, November 28
Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Main Street and Shawshen Street.

Authorities responded to Wal Mart on Main Street after an

argument reportedly erupted within a large crowd waiting for the store to open.

Officers assisted in the removal of an individual who was not wanted on the premises at Motel 6 on Main Street.

A residence on Northgate Road was reportedly burglarized.

Saturday, November 29
Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on James Avenue, East Street, and Main Street.

Kailyn Ortiz, 22, of Tewksbury, was arrested in the vicinity of 85 Main Street on the basis of a warrant.

Amy Kendall, 24, of

Tewksbury, was arrested at her residence at 450 Main Street on the basis of a warrant.

Sunday, November 30
Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Main Street and East Street.

Two vehicles on Shawshen Street were reportedly vandalized.

Authorities assisted in the removal of an individual who was not wanted on the premises at the Dunkin Donuts on Main Street.

Tiana Tapia, 21, of Lawrence, was arrested at 333 Main Street and was charged with shoplifting by asportation.

La Leche League offers support

WILMINGTON - La Leche League of Wilmington is a non-profit organization offering breastfeeding support and information through monthly meetings open to pregnant and nursing mothers from Wilmington and surrounding towns. The next meeting: Friday December 12 at 10:00 AM - "Nutrition and Weaning"

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Palizzolo helps guide Bentley College fundraiser to success

WILMINGTON - Wilmington resident Rich Palizzolo, a junior at Bentley College, successfully convinced nearly 600 of his fellow students to attend a letter-writing party dubbed "Up 'til Dawn" that could net as much as \$200,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Based in Memphis, Tennessee, the hospital is one of the world's leading centers for research and treatment of catastrophic diseases in children.

The November event was the result of a monumental marketing effort by Palizzolo and senior Sara Dillon, of Newington, Connecticut. With the help of an executive board of fellow students, a marketing blitz was launched this fall, with members attending student organization meetings, speaking with faculty and resident assistants, and even pitching freshmen in First-Year Seminar classes. Reportedly, the "Up 'til Dawn" fundraiser was one of the largest of its size ever held at Bentley.

"All semester we just worked on getting the word out," said Palizzolo, who is the chaplain of Kappa Pi Alpha fraternity and secretary of Bentley's Greek Council. "We hoped to

get 50 teams and raise \$50,000." To Palizzolo's surprise, 105 teams signed up and wrote 20,000 fundraising letters to family and friends during the event. St. Jude projects a 25

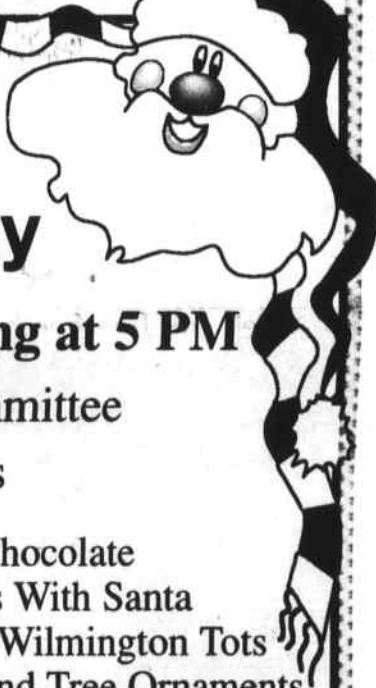


percent return on the letters with an average gift of \$40 per letter.

Bentley is second only to Kansas State University in its number of volunteers, an impressive feat considering Bentley has just 3,900 undergraduate students and Kansas State has 20,000.

St. John's Prep performing free Christmas concert

DANVERS - Enjoy the spirit of the holiday season at St. John's Preparatory School's eighth annual Christmas Concert to be held Thursday, December 18 at 7 p.m. at St. Richard's Church at 90 Forest Street in Danvers. The concert will feature a program of traditional holiday favorites presented by members of the St. John's Prep Men's Chorus, Travel Chorus, String Ensemble and student soloists under the direction of Michael Hamill. The concert is free and open to the public.



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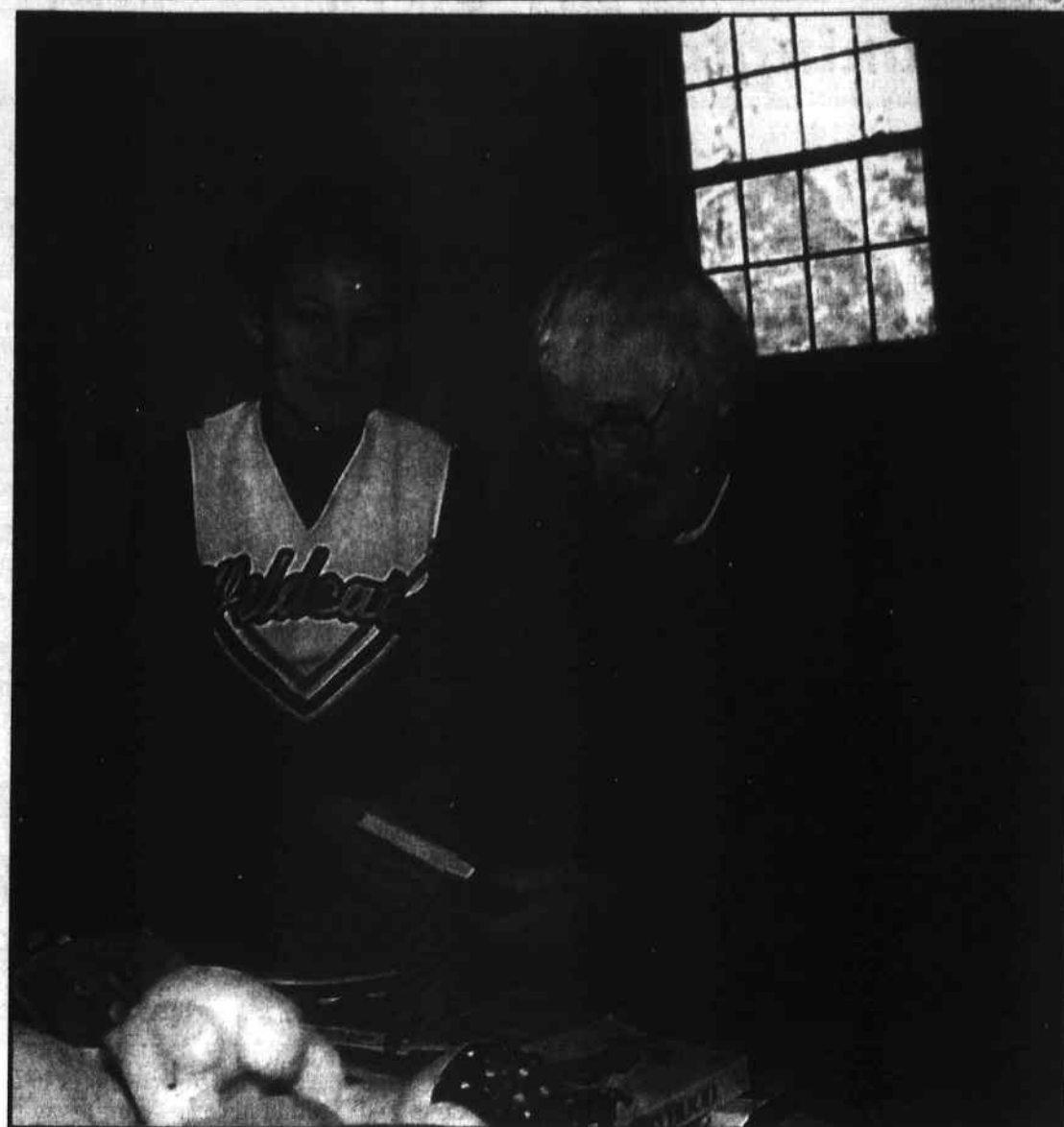
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LOOKING FOR A TITLE THAT CATCHES HER EYE. Wilmington Pop Warner Cheerleader Kaitlin Sirback helps Gladys Panell pick out a good book to read during the yard sale that was held at St. Thomas Church last week. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Sullivan refutes Mills' claim of support for mall

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foot assessed value of \$190.

Kelley cited the Marshall & Swift manual as providing construction costs for a wide variety of building types. Mills has indicated, though, that it may use a lower cost construction than used for the local malls mentioned in Kelley's comparison.

"Taking into account these uncertainties changes the single value of \$190 per square foot to a range of values from \$104 to \$229 per square foot," Kelley stated.

Adding to these variables is the significant shift in relative assessed values away from commercial properties. Commercial properties were taxed at \$22.47 per \$1,000, but that rate will change drastically following the town's revaluation for this fiscal year.

"In the past 3 years, residential property has increased in value by about 40 percent and commercial by 10 to 15 percent," Kelley stated.

The Board of Selectmen may vote to change the present rate split, which would result in further variations of values per square foot.

"If we apply these possible rates to the square-foot assessments, we get a square-foot revenue range of from \$1.84 to \$4.83 per square foot," Kelley

stated. "For a 900,000 square-foot mall, this gives real estate tax revenue range of from \$1,656,000 to \$4,347,000."

Kelley further explained that a relationship exists between income generated by a property and the subsequent real estate taxes.

"A drop in mall revenue could mean a drop in tax revenue," Kelley told the committee.

Kelley then explained property tax revenue, which he told the committee is even more difficult to project than real estate tax revenue.

"This could range from as low as \$30,000 to as much as \$300,000," Kelley stated.

Kelley used revenue generated by Stadium Plaza in Tewksbury to establish his projections. Stadium Plaza generates approximately \$34,000 a year.

"However, a large store in Tewksbury recently changed from a corporation to an LLP," Kelley explained. "This resulted in an increase in its personal property bill by a factor of 20 to over \$100,000."

Finally, during the meeting, the committee spent the majority of the meeting reviewing the Draft Highway Corridor Overlay Zone/Mixed Use District. The authority of the overlay depends entirely on the construction of an interchange for Interstate 93. According to

O'Neill, without a new ramp, the overlay ceases to exist.

Committee member Steve Deackoff pointed to the entertainment and recreational uses permitted within the overlay district. He expressed concern that the language was too vague. Section 1 of the Entertainment and Recreational Uses allows for "Indoor commercial entertainment establishments including but not limited to cinema, theater, concert hall, and night club."

Deackoff felt that section could open the door to casinos and "strip joints."

The biggest change between this and the previous draft was in the location of the overlay. The previous draft defined the location as "those portions of the Town of Tewksbury situated within one half (1/2) mile of the Interstate Route 93 Federal Highway Corridor that have access from the development property directly, or indirectly through other development property qualifying as HCOZ to an approved vehicular constructed for the purpose of entering and exiting the aforesaid Federal highway Corridor."

The newest draft identifies 3 specific portions of land within the Town of Tewksbury in Exhibit A.



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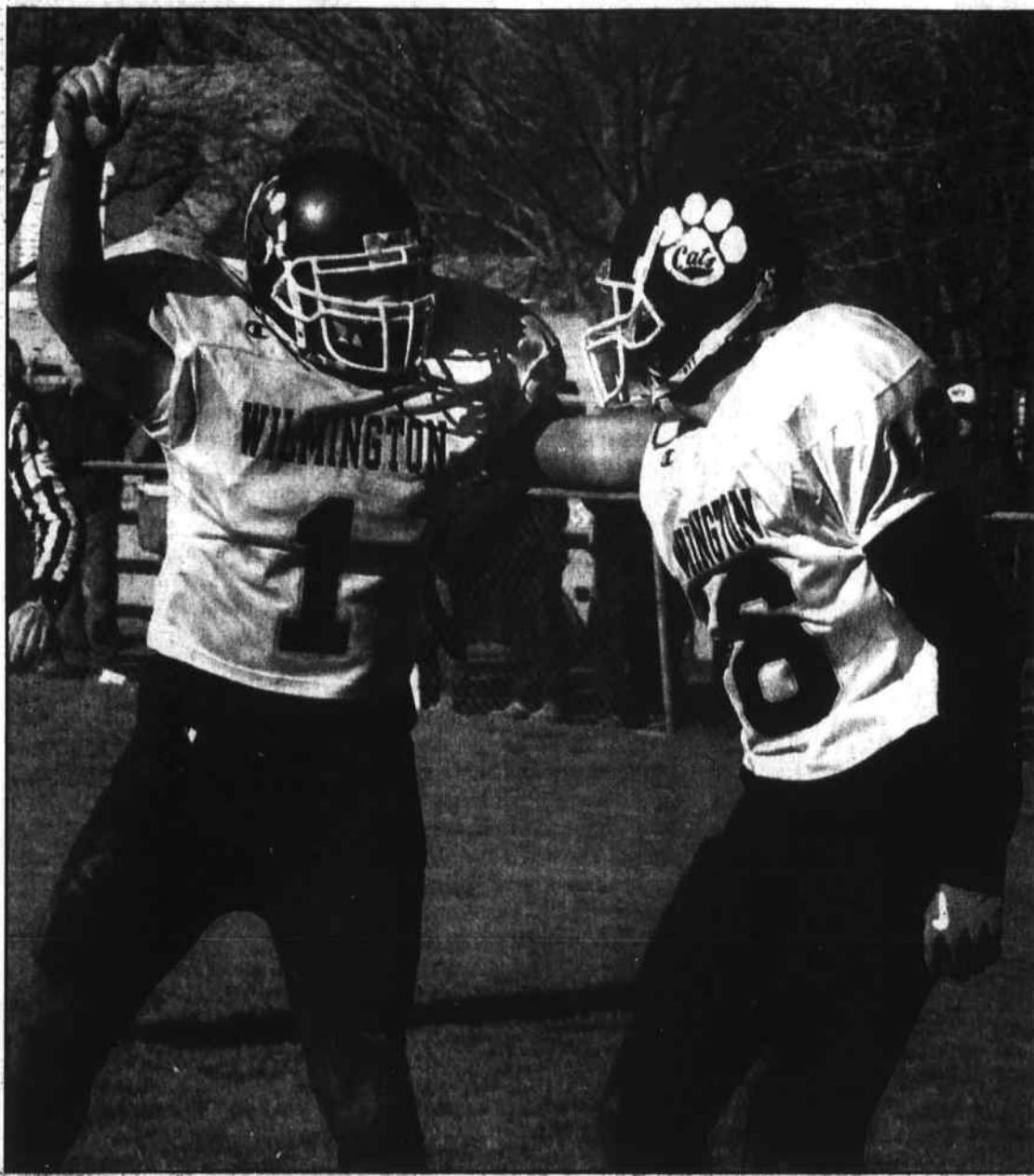
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70th annual Thanksgiving Game

'Cats pull off the unthinkable

Team scores 41 points in crazy game



The Wilmington High football team celebrated early and often last Thursday morning when they defeated Tewksbury, 41-22, in the 70th annual Thanksgiving game held at Doucette Field held in front of an estimated 7,000 fans. This was the first victory for Wilmington at Tewksbury since 1991. Above, Stephen Downs and Derek Trueira celebrate in the end zone right after Trueira (below) shows the ball to the referee letting him know that he scored. Trueira had a big game for the 'Cats with a pair of touchdown receptions. (photos by Jessica Styles)



By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

The last time the Wilmington High football team won a game at Tewksbury's Doucette Field, current quarterback Joe Herra was just three years old. It was the same year of the Gulf War and no one had ever heard of Monica Lewinsky.

That was back in 1991 when former head coach and current athletic director Ed Harrison's team beat the neighboring Redmen squad in a back-and-forth high scoring battle.

On Thursday, it was the same scenario, except different coaches and the Wilmington fans didn't mob the field after the final whistles blew. Instead, head coach Bob Almeida and his team enjoyed their ninth victory of the season, and the team's fourth win over Tewksbury in the past 15 years, as the Wildcats executed extremely well offensively scoring the second most points ever against Tewksbury in the 70-year history of the rivalry. Wilmington scored four first half touchdowns before Tewksbury made things interesting in the third quarter, but the 'Cats added several more touchdowns on their way to a 41-22 victory in front of an estimated 7,000 fans played on a gorgeous Thanksgiving Day morning.

"To go 9-2 with a victory over Tewksbury is better than any playoff game we could ever be in believe me," said Almeida. "And I believe the kids feel the same way. I think this says something to our kids that we can score points against some good teams. Tewksbury has a good defense. You know no one in the MVC was able to do that against them. I think it proves that we have a good club who believe in what we do and who stuck to the plan. You got to see some guys really emerge as the season went along. We were able to run the ball successfully at the start of the game, and then when they started to pack everyone in, we started to throw the ball and we were successful doing that."

Wilmington jumped out to an extremely quick, 29-0 lead. Senior linebacker Dave DeMango (11 carries, 78 yards) picked off a Tyler Michaeliewicz pass just 1:35 into the game and he returned it to the Redmen 18. Three plays later, senior back Sean Godding (15 carries, 60 yards) scored on a 1-yard run going to his right. Junior Robbie Gillis nailed the PAT giving the 'Cats a 7-0 lead before fans entered the gates.

Wilmington's defense held Tewksbury to a three-and-out series and the 'Cats took over just over midfield after a short punt. From there it was back to the ground as DeMango, Godding and Gillis worked extremely well against what

had been a very good run defense all season long. Instead, the 'Cats offensive line was too quick and created too many holes for their backs, while, the Redmen defense forgot to tackle the 'Cats in the first half. Gillis added to the score with a two-yard run, but his PAT kick failed and Wilmington led 13-0 with 3:15 to go in the first quarter.

Again, Tewksbury's offense put up a dud and were forced to punt. Wilmington took over at midfield and marched right down the field. On fourth-and-seven from the 8 yard line, Herra connected with Derek Trueira (4 receptions, 111 yards) over the top on a 1-on-1 coverage and the receiver pulled down the ball for his first of two touchdowns on the game making it 21-0 after DeMango rushed in the conversion.

DeMango intercepted his second pass of the game which set up his first of two scores with 1:08 to go in the game as this one came from the 6-yard line on a solid run to his right. Herra's conversion pass to Trueira was caught and the 'Cats went into halftime with a commanding and surprising, 29-0 lead.

"I know Tewksbury was up for us and I know those coaches over there do an unbelievable job," said Almeida. "We knew at halftime that the game certainly wasn't over. We have been down that road before. (Tewksbury) coach (Brian) Aylward and his staff are outstanding and we knew they would get their kids fired up."

And that's exactly what happened. Tewksbury came out and played like it did against two of the state's best teams in previous weeks with Lowell and Central Catholic. Although the Redmen had trouble scoring against those two teams, Tewksbury came out in the third quarter with the proper intensity and focus which seemed to be lost in that first half.

The Redmen, who totaled just 28 yards of total offense in the first half, more than doubled that total on the second play from scrimmage to begin their explosive third quarter. Michaeliewicz tossed a pass out to the left flat to sophomore Pat Brewin, who was lining up in trips motion. Brewin caught the ball, got two nice blocks and darted down the left sideline and scored on a 66-yard touchdown which got the home crowd going.

That momentum carried as Wilmington went three-and-out. Senior Joe Downs went back for the punt, but his kick was blocked by junior Chris Byrne. With the ball floating on the backside of the end zone, Byrne hustled in and flopped on the loose ball before it went out of bounds for the team's second

touchdown in a matter of 1:37.

Again Wilmington was forced to punt after being stuffed on three plays. This time, Downs got the kick off cleanly and it landed at the Tewksbury 40 yard line into the hands of senior captain Tony Corsino. He went to the middle of the pack and bounced off several bodies, before hitting the outside and going down to the end zone for a 60-yard punt return TD, and quickly making it 29-22 in favor of Wilmington. Tewksbury, which hadn't had a special team's or defensive touchdown all season, suddenly had two of them in a span of 2:33. The 22 points also came in a span of 4:25 and the crowd was going bananas.

"Momentum was against us," said Almeida. "You couldn't possibly have had it any further away from us. It was sitting on that 'T', over there. Our kids just responded. I think it's a credit to our kids and a credit to our seniors."

With six minutes to go in what was already a crazy third quarter, Wilmington added to the madness, and at the same time put the game back out of reach. Herra (7-of-11 passes for 121 yards) came up huge as he connected for two big pass plays on the ensuing drive, including the 51-yard TD strike to Trueira, who caught the ball down the left sideline going over the defensive back to make the catch which allowed him to celebrate in the end zone with his second score making it 35-22 with 4:27 to go in the third quarter. Wilmington's score made it 28 points scored during a span of 6:33.

"Joe Herra, just another great one," said Almeida. "You saw that he is a very talented kid and you saw what he can do once again. He got a little flustered there - none of it had anything to do with him. I told him to calm down, relax, to believe in what we are doing and we would be fine. We had to respond and we knew we could score again. I'm very proud of the way he responded."

DeMango put the finishing touches on what he started when he scored his second touchdown of the game with 4:29 to go as he ran in from the 13 yard line.

Tewksbury strung together two drives in the fourth quarter but the first one was stopped on the 'Cats 15 and the second and final drive ended when Trueira picked off an interception in the end zone.

"I'm very proud of our offensive line," said Almeida. "I'm very proud of our defense because they played great. We gave up two special teams touchdowns which we wished didn't happen but overall the defense played very, very well."

WILMINGTON YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

REGISTRATION FOR IN-TOWN PROGRAM (SPRING 2003)

BOYS AND GIRLS

Kindergarten through Grade 8

(A kindergarten player must be in Kindergarten currently and have been born prior to 9/01/98)

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NOTE:

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- Specific game schedules to be determined at a later date.
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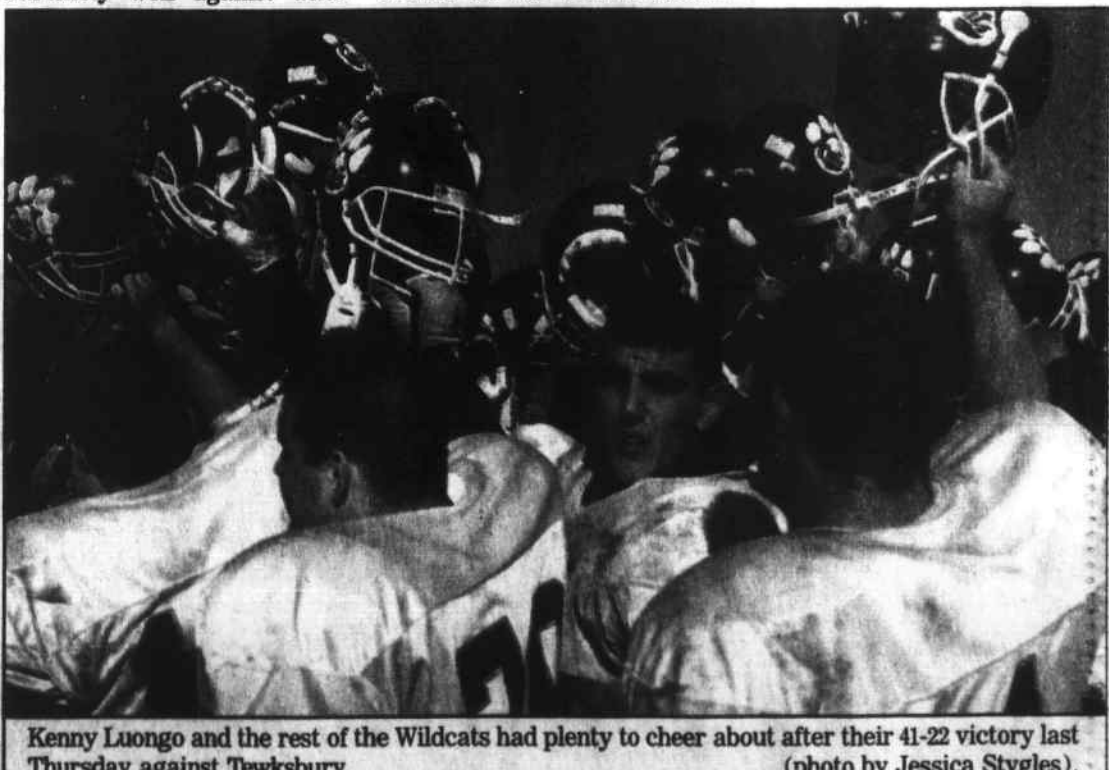
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Kenny Luongo and the rest of the Wildcats had plenty to cheer about after their 41-22 victory last Thursday against Tewksbury. (photo by Jessica Styles)

Football Box Score

WILMINGTON 41, TEWKSBURY 22

WILMINGTON (9-2) 13 16 6 6 - 41
TEWKSBURY (3-7) 0 0 22 0 - 22

W -- Sean Godding 1 run (Rob Gillis kick)
W - Gillis 2 run (kick failed)
W - Derek Trueira 8 pass from Joe Herra
(Dave DeMango rush)
W - DeMango 6 run (Trueira pass from Herra)
T - Pat Brewin 66 pass from T.Michaelewicz
(Bill Fabiano rush)
T - Chris Byrne rec.block punt in end zone
(Brian Lowe kick)
T - Tony Corsino 60 punt return (Lowe kick)
W - Trueira 51 pass from Herra (rush failed)
W - DeMango 13 run (rush failed)

| Team Stats | W | T |
|-----------------|--------|--------|
| First Downs | 17 | 11 |
| Rushes-Yds | 46-224 | 26-73 |
| Passing-Att-Int | 7-11-0 | 8-19-3 |
| Passing yards | 121 | 155 |
| Total Yards | 345 | 228 |
| Fumbles-lost | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Penalties-yards | 3-11 | 1-5 |

Individual Stats

Passing: W, Joe Herra 7-for-11, 121 yards, 2 TDs, 0 INT; T, Tyler Michaelewicz 7-for-16, 144 yards, 1 TD, 2 INTs; Mike Frasier 1-for-2, 11 yards, 0 TDs, 0 INTs; Brian Lowe 0-for-1, 0 yards, 1 INT.

Rushing: W, Dave DeMango 11-78, Sean Godding 15-60, Joe Herra 5-34, Robbie Gillis 7-33, Stephen Downs 1-7; Brian Giambernedino 3-4; Kurt Steenbruggen 1-3; Anthony Almeida 1-3; Matt Marden 1-1; Lou Insalaco 1-1; Tim Coates 1-0; T, Bill Fabiano 8-38, Pat Brewin 6-17, Brian Lowe 1-8, Tyler Michaelewicz 4-5, Kevin McCarthy 1 - (-1), Brian Donoghue 3 - (-2); Tony Corsino 2 - (-3).

Receiving: W, Derek Trueira 4-111, Dave DeMango 1-7, Sean Goddig 2-3; T, Pat Brewin 3-98, Bill Fabiano 2-25, Jon Flanagan 2-20, Brian Lowe 1-12.

Compiled by Jamie Pote



The Tewksbury High cheerleaders made a sign for the Redmen players which they ran through before the 70th annual game began on Thursday at Doucette Field. (photo by Jessica Stygles)

This one ranks right up there with the best of them

By LOUIE CIMAGLIA

Let's go back 70 years. That's when the Wilmington and Tewksbury High football teams met for the first in what was going to be a cherished rivalry. Imagine what the day could have been like. A brisk autumn day, maybe a few of the inhabitants of these towns showed up. No one at that time thought it would evolve into one of the greatest local rivalries in schoolboy football across the state.

Now turn back to the future. This past Thursday marked the 70th game between these two teams. On Thanksgiving morning thousands of townspeople come to the highly anticipated match-up between the Wildcats and Redmen. Friends meet up with friends from the other town; pick-up games of football were going on in the practice field. The bands roared out in joyous melody, seniors walked the field with their parents.

Yes, this is a day of giving thanks for everything we have and our health and family, and it's also a day to watch a football game that changes everything for a few hours.

It's amazing to witness the

excitement crammed into one stadium. The electricity when you walked through the gate that transported you from the normal world to another world. A clash of two tidal waves, one red, the other blue.

This game marked a point of importance for both teams. For Wilmington, it would snap the Redmen's streak of two straight wins on Turkey Day and cap off a fantastic 9-2 season. For Tewksbury, it would mean three wins in a row over Wilmington and a chance to give the hometown fans a little something to cheer about as the Redmen suffered with just three wins in their first nine games.

The game began with everyone leaning forward in anticipation. Wilmington struck first and scored the first touchdown just two minutes into the game. Would the Redmen respond? Before the Redmen could pick up the phone to answer their call, Wilmington put up three more touchdowns and had a commanding 29-0 halftime lead.

Blowout? Total domination? One-sided? These words could be used to describe the first half.

But Tewksbury wouldn't let

their season on such a bad note. You knew guys like Billy Fabiano, Tony Corsino, Chris Byrne and Mike Bourgeois, to name a few, would get the Redmen going. You knew they wouldn't go down without a fight.

When the Wildcats took the field after halftime, the blue wave erupted. The red wave was merely a gentle ripple now, but they stood behind their team. Literally in seconds, Tewksbury found the end zone on a 66-yard lightning strike. That followed with two more scores. The red wave was gaining momentum. Wilmington was reeling. It was crazy, but also felt unreal. The Redmen had erased the insurmountable 29-point deficit and were down by a touchdown. The fans on each side of the bleachers were in complete awe. It was eerie. This was something you see late at night when you turn on ESPN Classic Network. What was happening was the climax. It's what high school football is all about. It's what makes rivalries into classics. Now we were seeing a true football game. This is what the thousands of people came to see. It now was a one touchdown game with

Wilmington leading 29-22, yet only four minutes had ticked off in the already exciting third quarter.

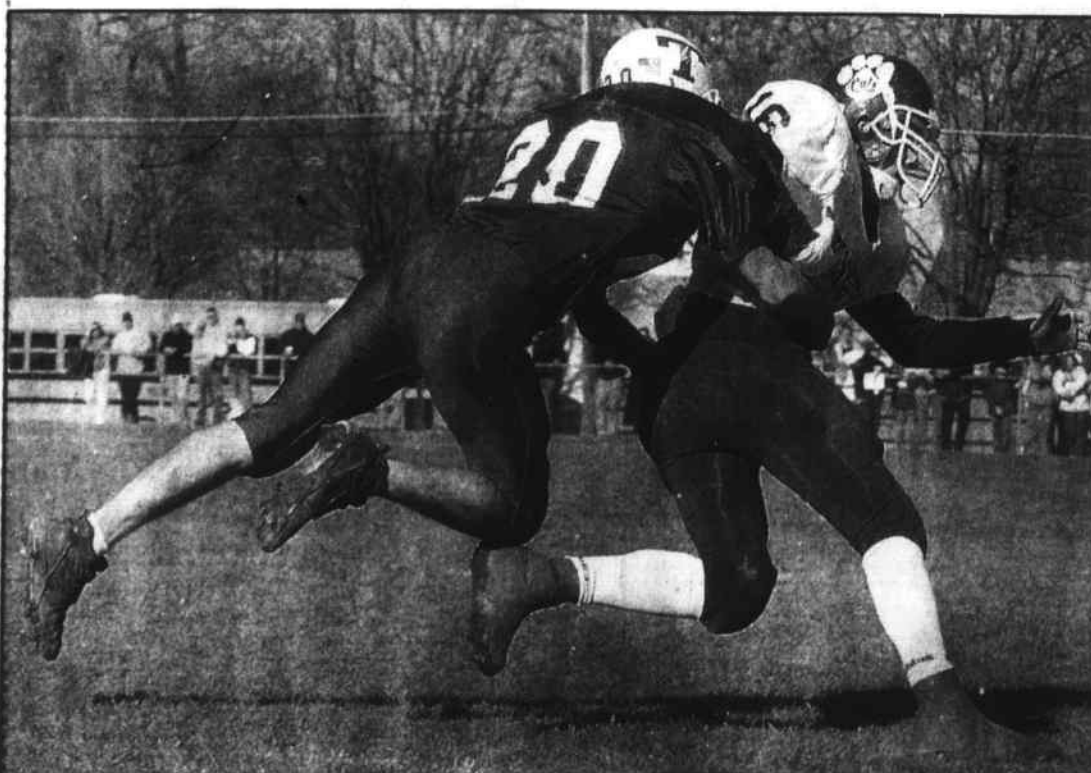
Wilmington decided it was time for them to make a call. The call went out to quarterback Joe Herra, who quickly took control of the game. He hooked up with receiver Derek Trueira for his second touchdown of the game, and this one put Wilmington over the top. The 'Cats went on to win, 41-22.

But the game truly didn't end. It was just one little part of a tremendous rivalry. Next year we will see the same thing, and the next year, and the next. It's what makes a rivalry a marquis game. It's what brings hundreds of people to the stadium every year to watch these two teams. It's why we flash back to so many years. It's why we like to remember these 70 games and why we will talk and remember the next 70 years of games.

Louie Cimaglia is a 13-year-old boy from Wilmington who writes a weekly column on different sporting events.



Tewksbury High's Pat Brewin (above) carries the ball while Wildcat defenders Charlie Lojek and Jay Ciulla look to tackle him, while below, Tewksbury's Jon Flanagan tries to tackle Derek Trueira after he made a catch. (photos by Jessica Stygles)



Wilmington High Football Season Stats

Passing: Joe Herra 47-for-90, 663 yards, 7 TDs, 2 INTs; Rob Gillis 1-for-1, 23 yards, 0 TDs, 0 INTs.

Rushing: Sean Godding 133-855, Rob Gillis 85-533, Joe Herra 74-364, Dave DeMango 79-401, Stephen Downs 33-141, Brian Giamberdino 27-85, Anthony Almeida 13-57, Lou Insalaco 8-47, Matthew Marden 12-40, Timothy Brady 1-8, Kurt Steenbruggen 2-6; Shaun Doherty 3-5, William Nieman 1-3, Ryan Oliveira 1-0, Tim Coates 1-0.

Receiving: Derek Trueira 14-247, Brennan Jones 7-166, Sean Murphy 6-82, Sean Godding 9-80, Robbie Gillis 5-43, Dan Hurley 2-38, Joe Downs 1-23, Dave DeMango 4-22.

Points: Sean Godding 9 TDs, 6 conv. rush, 66 pts, Joe Herra 9 TDs, 3 conv. rush 60 pts, Dave DeMango 6 TDs, 7 conv. rushes, 50 pts, Rob Gillis 7 TDs, 2 conv. rush convs, 3 PAT kicks, 49 pts, Brennan Jones 3 TDs, 1 con. rec., 20 pts; Derek Trueira 3 TDs, 1 conv. rec. 2 pts, 20 pts., Stephen Downs 3 TDs, 18 pts, Anthony Almeida 1 TD, 6 pts; Lou Insalaco 1 TD, 6 pts, Sean Murphy 1 TD, 6 pts, Matthew Marden 1 conv. rush, 2 pts, Brian Giamberdino 1 conv. rush, 2 pts.

Compiled by Jamie Pote and Matt Kalman

Tewksbury High School Football Season Stats

Passing: Tyler Michaelewicz 48-for-112, 729 yards, 3 TDs, 8 INTs; Doug Heald 15-for-26, 149 yards, 0 TDs, 0 INTs; Mike Frazier 4-for-6, 48 yards, 0 TDs, 0 INTs; Bryan Descoteux 0-for-1, 0 yards, Brian Lowe 0-for-1, 0 yards, 1 INT.

Rushing: Bill Fabiano 158-775, Bryan Donoghue 79-285, Mike Collins 22-139, Pat Brewin 30-102; Doug Heald 14-27, Brian Lowe 1-8; Mike McLaughlin 3-5; Tyler Michaelewicz 25-4; Bryan Descoteux 1-4, Pat Appiani 1 - 2; David Tiberio 4-1; Kevin McCarthy 1 - (-1); Chris Byrne 1 - (-1), Tony Corsino 3 - (-6), Mike Frazier 4 - (-13).

Receiving: Brian Lowe 13-185, Doug Heald 6-183, Jon Flanagan 11-139, Bill Fabiano 17-135, Pat Brewin 4-113, Tony Corsino 2-53, Bryan Donoghue 6-43, Kevin Ianetta 2-12, David Tiberio 1-9, Kevin Terrio 1-0.

Tewksbury Scoring

Bill Fabiano 11 TDs, 1 conv. rush, 68 points; Doug Heald 2 TDs, 1 Conv. Pass, 14 points; Brian Lowe 1 Conv. Pass, 12 PAT kicks, 14 pts; Mike Collins 2 TDs, 12 points; Tony Corsino 2 TDs, 12 pts; Bryan Donoghue 1 TD, 6 points; Pat Brewin 1 TD, 6 pts; Chris Byrne 1 TD, 6 pts.

Compiled by Jamie Pote, Matt Kalman and Mike Ippolito

Thanksgiving Football Notebook Gridiron greats remembered before the game

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Before the 70th annual Thanksgiving Classic took place on Tewksbury's Doucette field, the two schools got together and did an excellent tribute at midfield as three former players from each team were honored for their accomplishments.

Certainly, a lot of credit should go to Bob Aylward and the rest of the Tewksbury administration for this tremendous gesture which was extremely classy. Certainly this should be a tradition to carry on before every game of this tremendous 70-year history.

Among those who were honored for the visting Wilmington Wildcats were three of the top names ever involved in school sports. John Ritchie who played for WHS up until the famous 1939 undefeated squad, and was also a longtime assistant coach under Fred Bellissimo, as well as a head coach himself.

Ritchie has seen all but one of the 70 games played between the two teams. Ritchie has retired from the Wilmington Police Department.

Current high school principal Ed Woods was honored. He played for WHS from 1958-'61 and was an excellent lineman.

Finally Jim Gillis, who is retiring from the athletic director's job this January after 24 years, played for the Wildcats

from 1959-'62. He also was a two way lineman.

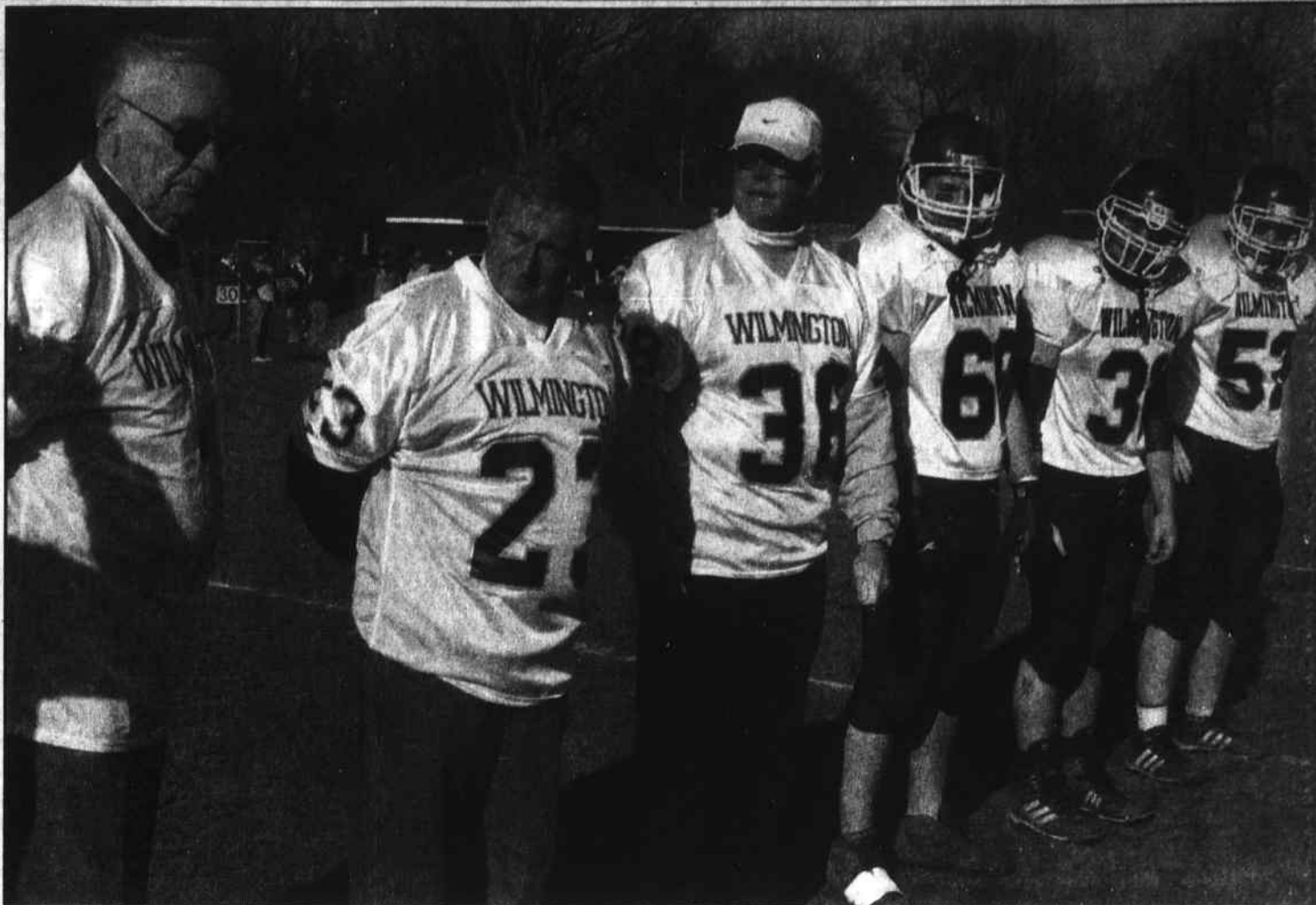
Tewksbury also had three representatives, including Walter Golen, No. 83. He played for Tewksbury from 1950-'53 and is a member of the Hall of Fame. Gerry Rideout had the jersey No. 45 and played for TMHS from 1960-'64. He has been the Math and Science Department Head at the high school for years and also has served many years as a track and football coach.

Finally, Al Donovan, who played in 1971 and '72 was honored. Donovan is more known for his days as the school's wrestling coach which includes his induction to the Mass Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame. He retired from coaching last year to become the Tewksbury Police Chief.

Tewksbury also wanted to give a special thanks to Ed Dick of the Redmen football club for offering a commemorative silver dollar to the six honored former gridiron greats.

History points for 'Cats

Thursday's 41-22 final made quite the lists of milestones. First, the 41 points is the second most ever any Wildcat team has scored in the 70 games. The previous best came in 1949 when Wilmington blanked Tewksbury, 54-0. The 41 points is also more points the previous four Wilmington teams produced (38).



Former WHS football greats, from left to right, John Ritchie, Jim Gillis and Ed Woods get honored before the game and line up with current captains Charlie Lojek, Sean Godding and Bobby Harrington. (Photo by Jessica Styles).

The combined 63 points in the game is the second highest total in the 70-year history. In 1990, the Redmen won a slugfest, 45-28. The combined 63 points was also tied for second in all of the Eastern Mass. games played on Thursday. Manchester and Georgetown combined for 65 as Manchester won, 36-29, while, Marian defeated Lowell Catholic, 49-14, to also combine for 63 points.

Two final notes of Thursday's contest. Wilmington coach Bob Almeida improved to 3-5 in his 8 years on the sidelines, while the previous two coaches had gone 1-10 before him.

Finally, Thursday marks the first time since this writer was a senior at WHS (and yes we went onto the field after in cel-

ebration) that a Wilmington team won at Tewksbury, with the last time coming in 1991.

Brewin up something

Tewksbury High sophomore Pat Brewin had a solid day in the losing effort. He ended up catching three passes for 98 yards which included his first varsity touchdown on a 66-yarder down the left sidelines which was the first of three scores for the Redmen in a span of four minutes.

Brewin lined up in a trips motion (3 receivers on one side) and he caught a pass in the flat by quarterback Tyler Michaeliewicz, and just as he got two nice blocks, he quickly was down the sideline and into the end zone for the touchdown. He also added 17 rushing

yards on 6 carries, giving him 115 all-purpose yards and a score.

A special point to make

Through the team's first 9 games, the Tewksbury High team didn't have a single touchdown from its defense or special teams. After Brewin cut the deficit to 21-8, junior Chria Byrne blocked a Joe Downs punt and covered up the loose ball in the end zone less than 90 seconds later for the Redmen's first special team's touchdown of the season.

The Tewksbury defense held Wilmington to a three-and-out series, forcing Downs to punt again. This time his boot went to the Redmen 40 yard line and senior Tony Corsino returned it the rest of the way for a 60-yard

TD which not only made it two special team's touchdowns in 2:23, but it also put Tewksbury back into the game at 29-22.

Coach tough on self

Tewksbury High football coach Brian Aylward said after Thursday's game that the entire program has to look in the mirrors and reevaluate themselves. He added that this has been a tough season for the program and he wondered if the town of Tewksbury would want him back after a tough 3-7 season.

Certainly Coach Aylward could be second guessed for some of the play calling in the game and season, but he can't be second guessed for what he and his staff have brought to this program.



Thursday's game not only brought many fans and touchdowns, but it also brought great respect and many handshakes. To the left, Wilmington High coach Bob Almeida meets up with Tewksbury coach Brian Aylward after the game for a handshake and a few quick words. This was the seventh time the



two coaches have faced one another during the 70 years of the rivalry. To the right, former football player, and former wrestling coach Al Donovan was honored before the game along with Walter Golen and Gerry Rideout. Here Donovan greets the TMHS captains at midfield. (photos by Jessica Styles)

Starting next week

Over the next three weeks, what will be 10th annual Town Crier awards will begin. The Coach of the Year, Female Athlete of the Year and Male Athlete of the Year in both Wilmington and Tewksbury will be featured here over the course in the next three weeks in the town's respective editions.

This year's selections probably are the hardest decisions in the ten years the paper has given out the awards. Last year, Steve Levine, Mike Rocco and Kelly Boyle were the award winners in Tewksbury. Boyle was the female athlete of the year for the past three years in Tewksbury.

Jim McCune, Derek Hanley and Ashley Morgado were the winners in Wilmington.

Also, in Wilmington beginning next week will be the first of a four-part series of current athletic director Jim Gillis, who is retiring after 29 years at the helm on January 2nd.

Finally, over the course of the next few weeks, the Town Crier will also be running the winter previews, schedules and features on all of the Wilmington, Tewksbury and Shawshen Tech winter sports teams. [Sp. Ed].

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Senior back star of Turkey Game

DeMango picks apart Tewksbury

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Before the kick-off of the 70th annual Thanksgiving football game, Wilmington High School coach Bob Almeida was asked about one of his senior two-way players Dave DeMango. Almeida spoke highly of DeMango and spoke about how he has overcome some serious injuries and how DeMango has matured and helped the younger kids. Before wrapping up his comments, Almeida said "I hope Dave can shake off his injuries and have the game of his life against Tewksbury."

Boy did DeMango ever. Just 1:35 into the game, DeMango set the tone of what day it would be not only for himself for the team as well. He intercepted the first of two Tyler Michaeliewicz passes, the first leading to the team's first score of the game just 2:46 into the game. DeMango would add a second interception from his linebacker's position, not to mention numerous amount of tackles as he really emerged to have his best defensive game of the season in the team's 41-22 victory over the Redmen.

On the other side of the ball, DeMango rushed the ball 11 times for 78 yards, while adding two touchdowns and a conversion rush. You can certainly say that DeMango had the game of his life against Tewksbury. "It's an unbelievable feeling," said DeMango after the win. "I can't describe it. This is the best team I've ever played with in my entire life. We were at Charlie Lojek's house (On Wednesday night) and we all got together and said 'hey it's time to go get them'. This is just unbelievable."

DeMango is a physical force on the football field and on the ice hockey rink, except he's had a hard time of staying healthy over the years. He's battled ankle and wrist injuries which have kept him out of the line-up. When he does play he makes a lot of things happen because of his crushing hits, and his competitive nature. On the football field, Almeida couldn't

have been happier of how the career ended for DeMango.

"When he had that first interception, we all knew that Dave came ready to play and that he was going to have an unbelievable game and that he did," said Almeida. "I'm very proud of the way he played and how he finished up his career. He had a phenomenal game."

Almeida has seen the ups and downs of DeMango over the years.

"Dave came on and had a really strong freshman year. Had a great game against Tewksbury. In his sophomore years he came out of nowhere so to speak and I thought he was one of the better defensive linemen in the entire league. He ran the ball well and we had a lot of holes to fill and he really came up and helped filled them."

"His junior year was obviously a big disappointment for him and us. We thought we were going to be able to rely on him heavily and he got hurt early in a scrimmage with a high ankle sprain and on top of that he had the wrist injury and he ended up having screws put into his wrist. The only times he was able to play when he was healthy (last year) was against Triton and he played very well. He had a fantastic game against them and I don't think we beat them if he wasn't in the line-up."

"His junior year was a little bit of a wash and he was disappointed and we were disappointed. Now as a senior he's been a kid who has had a great attitude for us all season long. He plays hard. He plays a solid linebacker and I'm not sure if there is a better one in the league."

"As a running back he's been one of the big three. He's come up huge whenever we need him. We've talked about the Andover game and we don't win that game without Dave. He came up gigantic play after play after play. He's a kid who hasn't got that much recognition and probably not as much as he deserves. In the Masco game people didn't see what things he did on the field. He's come up with some huge games."

Then he had the two touchdown performance against Newburyport.

"Defensively when we need a big play he comes up for us. He's a great run stopper. When he blitzes, he usually gets in there."

Throughout those seasons of nursing injuries and being able to play on the gridiron making tackles and scoring touchdowns, not to mention scoring goals as part of the hockey team's first line, DeMango seemed to also blossom as a person.

"The way he relates to the younger kids is tremendous," said Almeida. "I've told him how personally I am proud of the way he's handled the younger kids. When things didn't look good in the Pentucket game, he was the one who did a great job keeping the kids together and keeping the never say die attitude going until the last play he was encouraging the kids. He matured a lot. I think between his sophomore and junior year it was a great maturation process and I'm very happy for him."

Almeida couldn't stop the smiles on Thursday, neither could DeMango. After the first interception led to Sean Godding's 1-yard touchdown, DeMango carried the ball three times in the team's second TD run which took 8 plays and 53 yards as he and Robbie Gillis exchanged hand-offs.

DeMango added a conversion rush on Derek Trueira's touchdown making it 21-0, before he scored his first of two touchdowns on the day with 1:08 to go as he plowed in from the 6 yard line. DeMango added a second interception and a second touchdown, which helped the 'Cats come away with the team's first win at Tewksbury since 1991. He said all of the credit goes to his teammates.

"The line was just dominating up front," said DeMango. "Charlie (Lojek), Bobby (Harrington), Dave Paris (Mike) Thibault, Kenry (Luongo), everyone just everyone. The entire team was out there working hard to get it done."



Wilmington High sophomore quarterback Joe Herra rushes with the ball down the sideline while Tewksbury senior Bill Fabiano tries to chase him down during Thursday's Thanksgiving game played at Doucette Field. (photo by Jessica Stygles).

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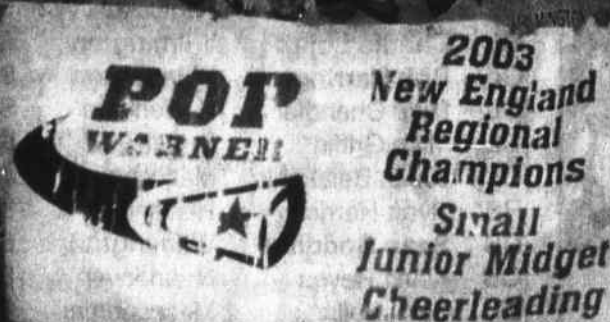
Pee Wee C's take on Billerica in tough league battle

Wilmington Pee Wee C's met Billerica Pee Wee C's for valley league play at Ristuccia rink. Play during the first period went back and forth. Billerica was unable to beat Stephen Cadigan in net. The offensive lines of Sam Grant, Jim Stokes, Sean Keane and Kelly Brandano kept Billerica's goalie busy with some nice shots on net. The first period ended scoreless. The defensive teams of Brian Good, Cori Michals, Peter Leighton and Steve Piscatelli stopped

Billerica's attempts to cross the blue line, and killing three penalties.

The beginning of the second period saw two quick goals from Billerica, which woke the sleeping Cats. Tim Martens skated in alone getting an unassisted goal to bring the Cats within one. Two minutes later, some nice passing from Mark Flanagan to Ryan Derian who passed out front to Jared Ravagni to give the Cats their second goal tying the game. With less than five minutes left

in the game, Brian Fitzpatrick shoots the puck out of the Cat's zone up to Tim Martens at center ice who fed the puck up to Brett Kidik to give the Cats the lead. With a minute left in the game, Billerica pulled their goalie. The Cats kept on the pressure working to clear the puck from their zone. With four seconds left in the game, Billerica poked the puck in the Cat's net ending the game in a tie.



The Wilmington Pop Warner A Cheerleaders were crowned the New England Champions. Pictured here are: First Row: Ashley Lanpher, Kim Ciampa, Catherine Fraser, Kayla Reynolds, Alicia Nazarro, and Nikki Sullivan. Second Row: Sam Sousa, Katelyn Gallant, Christine Marques, Michelle Luongo, Angela Jackson, Danielle Underwood, Kaitlin Sirbak, Nicole Bonoccolto. Third Row: Vicky Tanzella, Lauren Westerberg, Amanda Murree, Jacqueline LaLiberte, Alicia Cadigan, Stephanie Sauve, Ashley Valente, Kayla Ward, and Kayla Malone. Fourth Row: Nicole Simbeck, Christina Moretti, Alyssa Smith, Jenelle Ciulla, Amanda Ciulla, and Devin Giroux. Missing from photo: Jessie Welch. Coach: Deb Smith. Assistant Coaches: Trisha Fennelly, Christine Buldini, Danielle Hodgson, Lori Hodgson, Mary Giroux, and Rose Jackson.

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BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on December 15, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

Case 105-2003 JohnSons Rlty Trust c/o R. Peterson

To acquire a variance from Standard Dimensional Regulations to subdivide a parcel of land and allow the existing building to remain 2.3 feet from the side yard lot one when 20 feet is required for property located on 316-322 Lowell Street. Map 73 Parcel 52, 53, 53B.

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Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on December 18, 2003 at 7:40 PM in the Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Russell M. and Diane P. Forest for a Special Permit under Section 3651 of the Zoning Bylaw to increase the existing non-conforming structure. Premises located at 76 Hood Road, Assessor's Map 27, Lot 57, zoned Residential.

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TOWN OF TEWKSBURY



BOARD OF SELECTMEN NOTICE

In compliance with chapter 79 of the Acts of 1983 amending Chapter 797 of the Acts of 1919 and Chapter 40, Section 56 of the Massachusetts General Laws, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be conducted by the Board of Selectmen prior to their determination of the following issues:

1. Allocating the local property tax levy among the five property classes for the next fiscal year.

2. Whether to allow an open space discount and, if so, at what percent of the residential factor.

3. Whether to allow residential exemption and, if so, what percentage.

The above meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 16, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, and all citizens are invited to attend and provide written or oral comments on the above listed subject.

12.03.03 Charles E. Coldwell
3686 Board of Selectman

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY



PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING SITE PLAN SPECIAL PERMIT USE SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 15, 2003 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA, 01876 on an application filed by Haralampos Sidiropoulos, Trustee of Trickett Realty Trust, for a Site Plan Special Permit and Use Special Permit to construct and operate an automated car wash on the site locus, together with such associated driveway access and utilities as are necessary. Said property is located on 365 Main Street Assessor's Map 22, Lot 18, zoned Commercial.

The application may be examined in the Department of Community Development Office, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA., during 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

11.26.03; Steven J. Sadwick,
12.03.03; 3671 Director

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to Ana Leon of, 144 Boxford Street in Lawrence, Mass. Who is the last registered owner of a 1994 Ford Taurus Vin number 1FALP574XRA246985 that this vehicle will be sold at auction on or about December 26, 2003 at A&S Towing Inc., 600 Main Street, Wilmington, MA. The vehicle will be auctioned to recover towing and storage charges that are past due.

12.3.03, 12.10.03, 12.17.03
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY



BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on December 18, 2003 at 7:50 PM in the Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Walter and Patricia Marcinkewich for a variance from the Zoning Bylaw, Section 3640 and 4130, Table of Dimensional Requirements, Appendix B for the existing structure and three season porch to encroach upon sidewalk. Premises located at 99 Rogers Street, Assessor's Map 34, Lot 7, zoned Residential.

12.3.03, Steven J. Sadwick,
3689; 12.10.03 Director

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY



PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 15, 2003 at 7:15 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA, 01876 on an application filed by Domenic Germano for determination of a substantial change according to Mass General Law, Chapter 40A, Section 16. Said property is located on East and Shawheen Streets, Assessor's Map 113, Lot 6, zoned Heavy Industrial. The application may be examined in the Department of Community Development Office, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA., during 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

11.26.03; Steven J. Sadwick,
12.3.03; 3672 Director

LEGAL NOTICE

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Notice is hereby given to Edward Isberg of, 15 Sheraton Rd. in Wilmington, Mass. Who is the last registered owner of a 1995 Chev. Blazer Vin number IGNDT13W65218818 that this vehicle will be sold at auction on or about December 26, 2003 at A&S Towing Inc., 600 Main Street, Wilmington, MA. The vehicle will be auctioned to recover towing and storage charges that are past due.

12.3.03, 12.10.03, 12.17.03
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY



BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on December 18, 2003 at 7:30 PM in the Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Robert DiStefano, Trustee, DiStefano Realty Trust under Chapter 40A, Section 8 of the Zoning Act, as a party aggrieved for review of a decision made by the Building Inspector and/or other authorities. Premises located at 464-468 Woburn Street, Assessor's Map 3, Lot 9, zoned Heavy Industrial.

12.3.03 Steven J. Sadwick,
3687; 12.10.03 Director

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING BOARD

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 11, the planning Board will hold a public hearing on December 16, 2003 at 7:45 p.m. at Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA, on Special Permit #03-1 dated October 24, 2002, submitted on November 13, 2003 by Jason P. Guisto for Mary Guisto. Said property is located at 33 Houghton Road, and shown as Assessor's Map 20 Parcel 14. This application is for special permit for a non-conforming lot under chapter 139 of the Acts of 1998 for the construction of a single family dwelling. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

11.26.03; Michael Sorrentino,
12.03.03; 3677 Chair
Wilmington Planning Board

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department

MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 03P439EP1
IN the Estate of Martin C.
Goerg

Late of WILMINGTON
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death September 25,
2003

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that GARY LYNCH of GROTON in the County of MIDDLESEX be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON DECEMBER 23, 2003

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. BEVERLY WEINGER BOORSTEIN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge this day, November 19, 2003.

12.3.03 John R. Buonomo
3686 Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 11, the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 16, 2003 at 8:15 p.m. in Room 9, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA on the application of Triton Construction Management, Inc., 5 Middlesex Avenue, Suite 15-A, Wilmington, MA, 01887 concerning a Multi-Family Special Permit and Site Plan Review Application entitled: "Site Plan, 10 Middlesex Avenue,

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



LEGAL NOTICE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wilmington Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on December 8, 2003 at 7:45 PM in room 9 of the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive comments on the Town's proposed FY04 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application. The Town is proposing to apply for funds through the Community

Development Fund for housing rehabilitation. The program is administered by the Massachusetts Department of Housing & Community Development, which awards grants to communities throughout the Commonwealth for various activities. The Town of Wilmington will implement the proposed project through its Community Development Program Office.

This is also a public hearing to update the public on the status of the Town's current FY03 CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program and to hear citizen's comments on the effectiveness of the program and ways to improve it.

Any individual or organization wishing to speak will be offered an opportunity to be heard. Written comments may be submitted to the Town Manager's Office, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA. 01887 prior to the hearing.

11.26.03, Michael V. McCoy,
12.3.03 3670 Chair
Board of Selectmen

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department

MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 03P4825EP1
In the Estate of DORA P. TUSA
AKA DORA TUSA
Late of Wilmington

In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death August 30, 2003
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that Frank Tusa of MALDEN in the County of MIDDLESEX be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON DECEMBER 18, 2003.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. BEVERLY WEINGER BOORSTEIN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day of November 13, 2003.

12.03.03 John R. Buonomo
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Wilmington High senior Sean Godding, who is about to be tackled by Tewksbury's Bill Fabiano, was named to the Cape Ann League First Team Offense as a running back after leading the 'Cats in rushing yards and points scored this season.

(photo by Jessica Styles).

Hundreds of locals lace up running shoes on Thanksgiving

By PAUL HAYES
Sports Correspondent

Before the turkey was carved, and then again after the leftovers were nearly gone, residents of Wilmington and Tewksbury laced up their running shoes and participated in one of several road races held over the Thanksgiving weekend.

Their reasons for running were myriad. Some ran to win; others ran to compensate for the enormous helpings of turkey, stuffing and mashed potatoes. But they all made the arduous journey from start to finish. On Thanksgiving morning, while high school football players prepared for their games, the starting gun sounded for the Feaster 5K in Andover and the Thanks For Giving 5K in Lowell.

The Feaster 5K featured a wealth of local talent, including high school harriers Justin Corbett of Tewksbury and Chris Pedit of Wilmington. Seventeen-year old Corbett finished fifth in a time of 17:16, while sixteen-year old Pedit finished ninth in a time of 17:28.

In the 13-19 age group, Corbett finished second, Pedit finished fifth. They were not the only local runners to finish near the top in their age group. Other local runners also performed well in their demographics. Simon Thaini, 39, of Wilmington finished third in the male 30-39 age group with a time of 18:03; Rebecca Connolly, 37, of Wilmington finished eighth in the female 30-39 age group with a time of 23:41;

and Leland Chisholm, 72, of Wilmington finished second in the 70-79 age group with a time of 27:02.

The following are the top ten finishers from each town, with their overall time and place.

Tewksbury: Corbett; Patrick Dooling (23:27, 194); Ted Dooling (23:27, 195); Michael Torode (24:28, 269); John Goodhue (25:40, 386); Susan Carmen (27:12, 590); David Jarosz (28:04, 713); Michael Cunningham (28:06, 717); Brenda Chisholm (28:31, 807); and Rich Galante (28:58, 876). **Wilmington:** Pedit; Thaini; R. Connolly; Mark Connolly (23:55, 223); Michael Bock (23:59, 230); Mary Sullivan (25:32, 370); Maureen Schwartz (25:43, 395); Danielle Faro (25:48, 405); Derek Gilbert (26:20, 474); and Chisholm.

In total, 86 runners from Tewksbury and Wilmington participated in the Fester 5K, comprising 2.5 percent of the field of 3433 finishers.

Other Tewksbury finishers are as follows: Bonnie Legere (29:07, 908); John Morandi (29:12, 921); John Doyle (30:18, 1093); Maria Galante (30:28, 1132); Mike Doherty (30:50, 1196); Matt Carroll (30:54, 1205); Robert Moccia (31:29, 1303); Julann Briggs (32:08, 1429); Robert Briggs (32:08, 1430); Kathleen Starling (32:36, 1501); Andrea Trudeau (33:16, 1613); Joe Dooling (33:23, 1630); Linda Finn (33:42, 1673); Laura Callan (33:51, 1688); Taylor Hachey (33:52, 1695); Carrie Doherty (33:55, 1703); Moran Kelsey (34:15, 1754); Karyl Daley

(34:29, 1782); Scott Hopkins (36:14, 1963); Diane Hachey (37:59, 2128); Allyson Trull (39:48, 2263); Ashley Trull (39:49, 2266); Mary Buonanno (41:11, 2335); Paula Marshall (41:22, 2343); Deborah Fee (41:25, 2348); Claudia Stenstrom (42:47, 2418); Roberta Lordan (43:10, 2436); Aaron Waltz (48:02, 2663); Vincent Napoli, Jr. (50:25, 2778); Patricia Napoli (50:26, 2779); Lynn Rechel (50:41, 2791); Robin Doherty (51:56, 2844); Pat Stratis (52:59, 2905); Kenneth Couturier (54:51, 3012); Paula Coppola (55:17, 3031); Candy Linskey (55:33, 3053); James Gallagher, Jr. (55:35, 3057); Eryn Gallagher (55:35, 3058); Courtney Goodwin (57:18, 3163); Melanie Doulames (59:37, 3292); Marion Allen (59:57, 3298); Georgene Moccia (1:00:16, 3302); and Marko Duffy (1:02:38, 3353).

Other Wilmington finishers are as follows: Steven Gray (27:03, 571); Donna Crescenzo (27:15, 599); Andrea Gillis (28:23, 777); Dave Spurr (28:24, 780); Michael Vestal (28:27, 789); Nancy Turner (29:19, 941); Dawn Roberts (29:41, 993); Karen Kane (29:43, 999); Patricia Fitzgerald (29:43, 1000); Marygrace Vestal (30:02, 1046); Maryellen Taylor (30:26, 1126); Susan Davidson (31:06, 1247); Denise DiRienzo (31:39, 1333); Christine Benoit (31:39, 1334); Karen Melillo (32:12, 1438); Nina Torrisi (35:21, 1878); Carol Cavallaro (38:02, 2133); Denise Horgan (38:59, 2217); Kathleen Bennett (49:36, 2742); Michael Bennett (49:38, 2745); Mary Pesaturo (52:06, 2853);

David Turner (53:38, 2946); and Elaine Bruno (58:43, 3239).

Meanwhile at the Thanks For Giving 5K, former Wilmington High standout and current University of Massachusetts at Lowell runner Dan Vassallo, 18, was the top local finisher, placing fifth with a time of 17:12.

Other finishers from Wilmington were Mark Blaisdell (18:11, 10) and Joe Ryan (30:46, 222). From Tewksbury were Erica LaBella (21:03, 42); Kaitlin Rose (21:49, 62); Lisa Maciel (22:15, 69); John Casey (22:29, 72); Paul Sedgwick (22:48, 76); Stephen Pelrine (23:01, 81); Charles LaBella (24:12, 94); Bob Maciel (24:21, 104); Janet Rose (25:13, 120); Rita LaBella (25:45, 131); Debbie Evangelista (27:38, 164); Kevin Mackenzie (28:35, 187); Jack Kelleher (34:09, 258); Jodi Ebert (39:00, 268); Lauren Berthel (39:16, 272); and Alice Mackenzie (47:17, 284).

Then on Sunday, as the last of the leftover turkey was being consumed, local runners competed in the 3.6 mile Andover Cross Country Race. Wilmington's Mark Blaisdell, running his second race in four days, finished 18th overall in a time of 20:27.

Two other Wilmington runners competed, John Gorvin (23:37, 72) and Tom Berrigan (25:29, 118). Competing from Tewksbury were Bob Gannon (23:14, 62); Kaitlin Rose (25:10, 108); Bob Soldani (25:58, 210); Laura McLaughlin (30:09, 244); Ben Fudge (30:54, 268); and Richard Brady (35:55, 330).

Cape Ann League Football All-League Team

Player of the Year

Ryan Herrick, Hamilton-Wenham

Coach of the Year, Jim Pugh, Masconomet

First Team Offense

| | | | | |
|----|------------------|------------|----|-----------|
| OL | Alex Wilkinson | Pentucket | Sr | 5-10, 175 |
| OL | Charlie Lojek | Wilmington | Sr | 6-0, 225 |
| OL | Bob Harrington | Wilmington | Sr | 6-0, 225 |
| OL | Mike Chandler | H-Wenham | Sr | 5-10, 215 |
| OL | Mike Griffin | Lynnfield | Sr | 6-5, 235 |
| OL | Justin Belakonis | Masconomet | Jr | 6-1, 210 |
| RB | Ryan Herrick | H-Wenham | Sr | 5-8, 150 |
| RB | Sean Godding | Wilmington | Sr | 5-10, 205 |
| QB | Kevin Reyes | N. Andover | Sr | 5-10, 155 |
| E | Zack Beilin | Masconomet | Sr | 6-1, 180 |
| E | Evan Beilin | H-Wenham | Jr | 6-1, 185 |
| TE | Andy Poor | Lynnfield | Sr | 6-5, 210 |
| UT | Jeff Jensen | H-Wenham | Sr | 5-9, 155 |

First Team Defense

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|----|------------------|-------------|----|-----------|
| DL | Josh Tierney | Pentucket | Sr | 5-9, 180 |
| DL | Ken Luongo | Wilmington | Sr | 6-0, 235 |
| DL | Phil Masterson | H-Wenham | Sr | 6-2, 210 |
| DL | Bill Dreesen | Newburyport | Sr | 6-3, 170 |
| DL | Will Chiccerelli | Lynnfield | Sr | 6-2, 200 |
| LB | Drew Mullin | H-Wenham | Jr | 5-11, 215 |
| LB | Drew Vetere | Pentucket | Sr | 5-4, 145 |
| LB | Dan Roaf | Amesbury | Jr | 6-3, 225 |
| LB | Dave DeMango | Wilmington | Sr | 6-0, 190 |
| LB | Rob Gillis | Wilmington | Jr | 5-9, 160 |
| DB | Joe Herra | Wilmington | So | 5-9, 160 |
| DB | Jamie Solomon | Lynnfield | Sr | 5-11, 180 |
| DB | Andrew Carey | Masconomet | Sr | 5-9, 170 |

Honorable Mention

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|----|---------------|------------|----|-----------|
| DB | Kyle Langlois | Amesbury | Sr | 6-2, 220 |
| LB | Ryan Noonan | Amesbury | Sr | 5-7, 170 |
| RB | Evan Therrian | Amesbury | So | 5-9, 175 |
| RB | Marvin Kelly | Amesbury | Jr | 5-8, 165 |
| DB | Matt Tefft | H-Wenham | Sr | 5-6, 150 |
| DL | Frank Dawson | Ipswich | Sr | 5-10, 230 |
| OL | Dave Holland | N. Andover | Sr | 5-10, 230 |
| WR | Andrew Buco | N. Andover | Sr | 5-8, 160 |
| WR | Andrew Dixon | N. Andover | Sr | 5-10, 150 |
| LB | R. Sheehan | N. Andover | Sr | 5-9, 180 |
| TE | Bob Holland | N. Andover | Sr | 5-10, 170 |
| OL | Mike Eagan | N. Andover | Jr | 6-1, 205 |
| OL | Sean Reed | Lynnfield | Sr | 6-0, 240 |
| OL | Justin Motta | Lynnfield | Sr | 5-11, 200 |
| LB | Ryan Sheehan | Lynnfield | Sr | 5-11, 190 |
| WR | Mike Garrity | Masconomet | Sr | 5-9, 175 |
| RB | Myles Walsh | Masconomet | So | 5-9, 185 |
| LB | Tim O'Brien | Masconomet | Sr | 5-11, 190 |
| OL | Kevin Spencer | Masconomet | Sr | 6-0, 220 |
| DL | Dean Fraser | Masconomet | So | 5-10, 200 |
| OL | Mark Bruno | Masconomet | So | 5-11, 225 |
| DB | Jeff Pearl | Pentucket | Sr | 5-9, 140 |
| DE | Jamie Comosa | Pentucket | Sr | 6-2, 210 |
| DB | Pat Troy | Pentucket | Jr | 5-9, 160 |
| RB | Matt McComish | Pentucket | Sr | 6-0, 185 |
| LB | Kyle Romano | Triton | Sr | 5-10, 185 |
| DL | Josh Cote | Triton | Sr | 5-10, 175 |
| DE | Tony Monaco | Triton | Jr | 6-2, 190 |
| WR | Derek Truelra | Wilmington | Sr | 5-10, 160 |
| TE | Brennan Jones | Wilmington | Jr | 6-1, 180 |
| DB | Joe Costello | Wilmington | Sr | 6-0, 170 |

Phillips ends season and career at MC

Wilmington resident Greg Phillips finished his season as a member of the Malden Catholic boys' soccer team. Phillips was the team's goalkeeper and he was selected to the Catholic Conference All-Star team along with teammate Tano Meola of

Saugus. Coach Bill Lanagan said, "The strongest performers for us this year have been our goalie, Greg Phillips and Tano Meola." Lanagan believes without Phillips they would have given up a lot more goals than they did.

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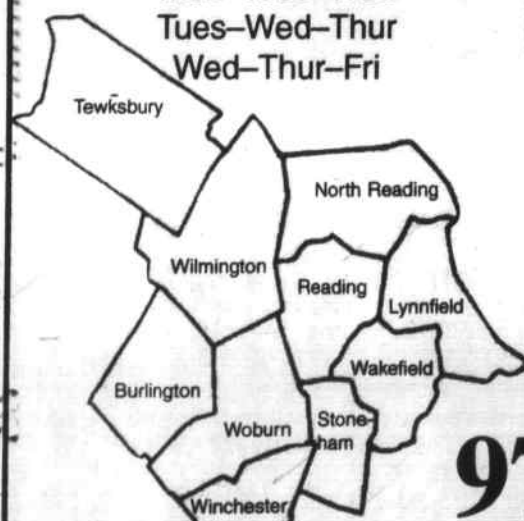
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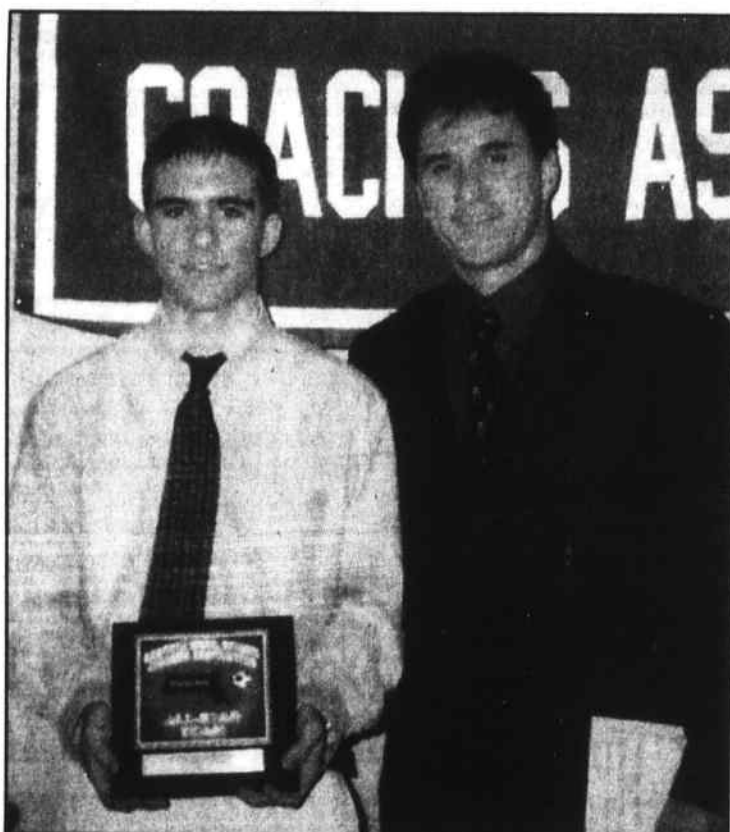
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Mendoza tabbed an All-American

Senior goalkeeper Patricio Mendoza (Wilmington, MA) was named to the STX/National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) Division II All-America.

Mendoza, the two-time Northeast-10 Conference Goalkeeper of the Year, received the honor for the second straight year after earning second team status in 2002. The honor was the first for Marsden and Driscoll, each a first team All-NE-10 stand-out this season.

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Little guys tabbed as New England runners-up champions

Pop Warner D White team just picture perfect



The Wilmington Pop Warner D White team participated in the New England Championship game on Friday at Stello Stadium in Nashua, New Hampshire. The top picture has Derek Duggan, Michael Smith and Nicholas Girardi holding the trophy after the team's 6-0 loss to Meriden, Connecticut. Above, Wildcat players Duggan and Christopher Ryan get into the action trying to make a defensive stop. Below, Matthew Larffarello carries the ball, while several defenders try to take him down during the exciting game. (photos by Maureen Lamoureux).



Pee Wee B's enjoying road trip

Maybe traveling to Skate 3 in Tyngsboro last Saturday wasn't exactly anybody's idea of a wild road trip, but for the Wilmington Pee Wee B hockey team the ride, though short and unglamorous, was still a whole lot more fun than one of Chevy Chase's ill-fated excursions to disaster.

The B's easily packed away the MRYHA South team Saturday 5-0 in a one-sided affair where Wilmington outshot the Hurricanes 37-4. Passing and excellent all around play were the order of the day for the Wildcats, as, even though down three players, they clearly dominated the action all three periods.

Wilmington forwards- Matt Larffarello, Sean Sullivan, John Moriarty, David Mello, Pat Boudreau, Brian Coutu and Sean Tavares all showed some passing skills, as four of the B's five goals were scored from passes.

Defensemen Kevin Barry, Kyle Gaffey, Justin Rivera and Jared Hayes were splendid in

creating opportunities by holding the blue line, keeping the puck on side and turning back nearly all of MRYHA's attempts at mobilizing its offense. The result was a nightmarish evening for MRYHA and an easy night for Wildcat goalie Pat Young, who had no trouble handling the four shots thrown at him.

Despite getting off 15 shots to MRYHA's none in the first period, the B's only got one goal that started with a perfect pass from David Mello to Brian Coutu. Coutu drilled a shot to the far corner over the blocker of the Hurricane's southpaw goalie Kurt Isaak, who did an excellent job making 32 saves during the game.

Defenseman Kevin Barry sustained an injury during the first period, but was able to come back in the second and continue his aggressive play for the rest of the game. Hayes, Gaffey, and Rivera, with help from Sean Tavares, kept up the pace defensively without blinking during Barry's absence.

Wilmington really broke it open in the second period with three more goals during the last six minutes of the period, compliments of Pat Boudreau, Matt Larffarello and John Moriarty. Boudreau hit his through the five hole off of a Brian Coutu pass, and then Matt Larffarello rang one off the post unassisted. Later with 46 seconds left in the period, Sean Sullivan slipped a left-to-right pass to John Moriarty, who brought it to the crease and knocked it in.

In the third period, Sean Tavares got a pass to Brian Coutu, who skated it up and cross-passed to David Mello. Mello planted it for Wilmington's fifth and final goal for the 5-0 win.

This week's schedule puts the B's on the road again to Skate 3 and then Nashua for games with Hollis and Billerica.

Thanks from the Pee Wee's B's to R.H. Young Heating and Cooling for its generous sponsorship of the team this year.

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Someday when they get older, the 9,10 and 11-year-olds which comprised the Wilmington Pop Warner D White team - not to mention the state of Massachusetts - will realize exactly what they accomplished.

After losing 6-0 to Meriden, Connecticut in the New England Pop Warner Championship game held on a rainy, cold, Friday morning, most of the kids, understandably, were upset because they weren't going that next step to Orlando, Florida for the Nationals.

Standing on Stello Stadium in Nashua, New Hampshire, cold, shivering and fatigued, these little guys did something that not too many other Wilmington teams have done in its enriched traditions, not to mention what no other Massachusetts team has done. That is, get to the NE Title game.

"It was a great ride," said coach Mark Brady. "Unfortunately a team has to lose and we did, but it was a lot of fun."

Brady coached the previous Pop Warner team which made

it to the New England Championship four years ago but that happened in Division 2. This year's run happened in Division 1.

"We played a lot of games," said Brady. "That was our 14th game and it was Meriden's 10th. We played a lot of games in the past few weeks."

The game was scoreless through the first three plus quarters. The Wilmington defense was doing a tremendous job making big plays and big tackles stopping Meriden's offense as much as they could. Derek Duggan and Sean Hanley both recovered fumbles in the first half, while the defense held Meriden to just 9 total first half yards. Players like Tyler Valente, Christopher Ryan, James Welch, Steven Reynolds and Kevin Moriarty all were getting dirty with great efforts and solid tackles on the defensive end.

On the flip side of that, the team's offense did a great job moving the ball, especially in the first half. The 'Cats chalked up 97 total yards in the first half and 143 total. Matthew Larffarello and Jaymie Spears did a great job of sharing the hand-offs from Hanley, the quarterback.

Wilmington was able to move the ball down to the Meriden 9 yard line late in the first half, but a fourth down pass play was batted down by the defense which forced Meriden to take over on downs.

Hanley gave the 'Cats the ball back on the next play as he recovered a fumble at the Meriden 13. Three plays later, again on fourth down, Wilmington was stopped short of the first down with 22 seconds left in the first half.

The game remained scoreless until the fourth quarter when Meriden's Cory Gardner scored from the one-yard line for the lone score of the game.

Putting in fine efforts for the team in this game and throughout the season include: Nick Girardi, Cody Halliday, Tyler Huebner, Matt McKenna, Kevin Murphy, John Parsons, Derek Queen, Killian Smith, Mike Smith, Jim Stokes, Rob Sutera and Tyler Valente.

"We knew at the start of the season that we had a good team but it really wasn't until later on during it when we realized we had something special," said Brady.

And when the kids get older, they will realize that too.



Wildcat players Matthew McKenna, Christopher Ryan, Derek Queen, James Welch and Sean Hanley all get into the action of Friday's NE Championship game. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux)



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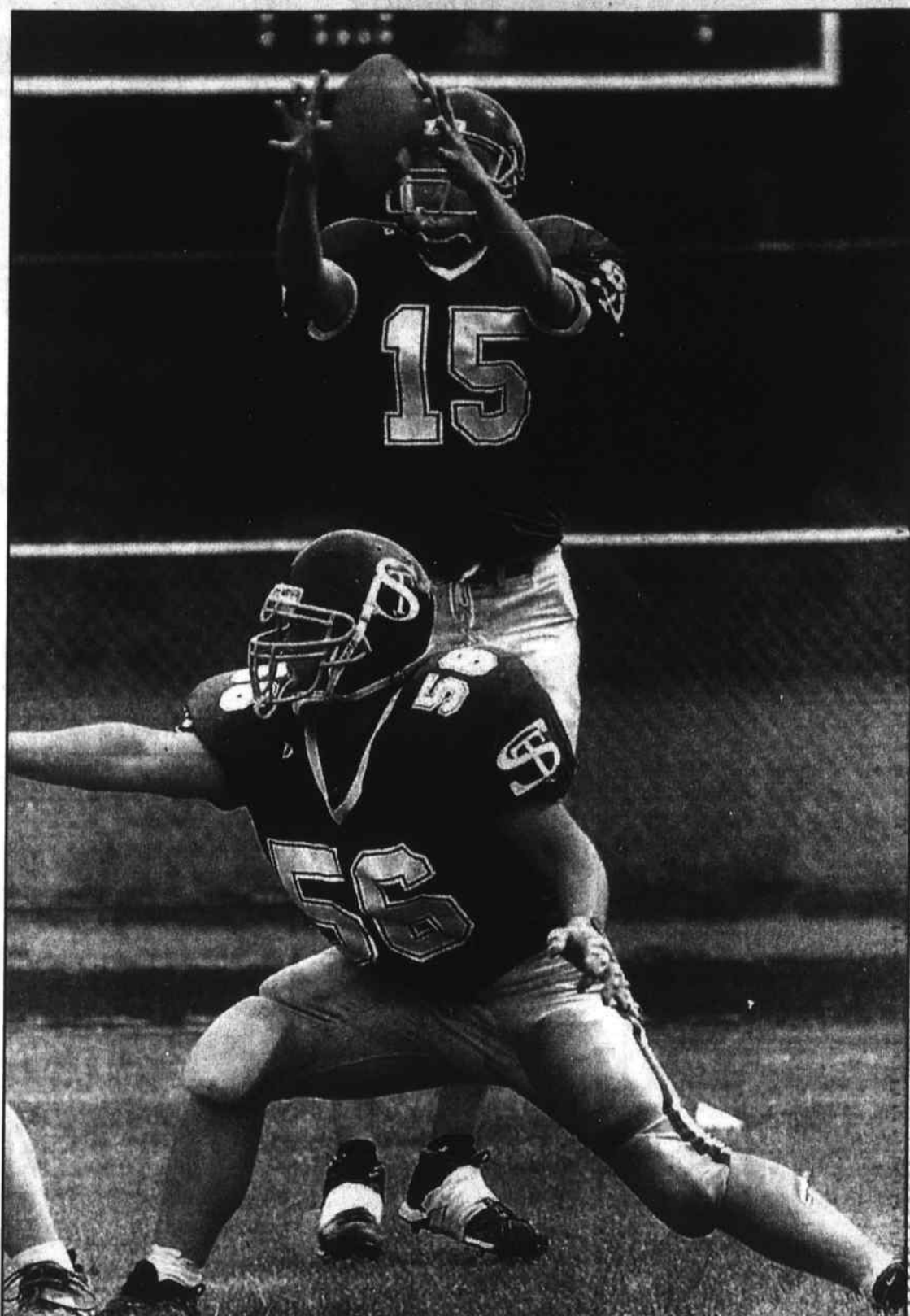
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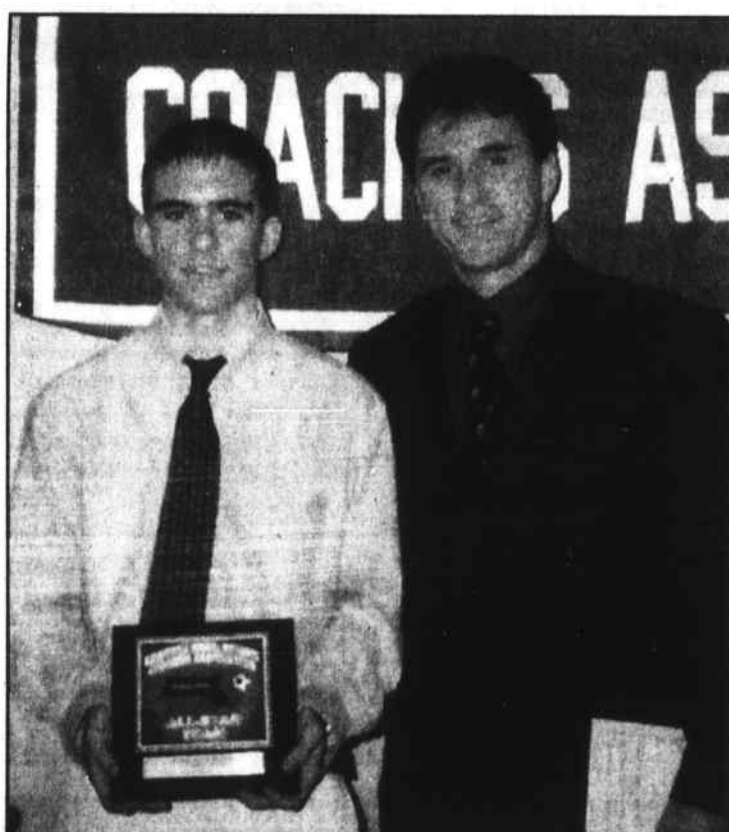
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Mendoza tabbed an All-American

Senior goalkeeper Patrick Mendoza (Wilmington, MA) was named to the STX/National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) Division II All-America.

Mendoza, the two-time Northeast-10 Conference Goalkeeper of the Year, received the honor for the second straight year after earning second team status in 2002. The honor was the first for Marsden and Driscoll, each a first team All-NE-10 stand-out this season.

Mendoza capped her senior year with 10 shutouts, including 9.5 solo, while posting a goals against average of 1.12 and a save rate of .832 over 22 matches and 1,559 minutes.

Mendoza also rewrote the goalkeeping records this year, eclipsing marks for games in a career (77) and a season (22); wins in a career (38) and a season (15); as well as shutouts in a career (26) and season (10).

Little guys tabbed as New England runners-up champions

Pop Warner D White team just picture perfect

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Someday when they get older, the 9,10 and 11-year-olds which comprised the Wilmington Pop Warner D White team - not to mention the state of Massachusetts - will realize exactly what they accomplished.

After losing 6-0 to Meriden, Connecticut in the New England Pop Warner Championship game held on a rainy, cold, Friday morning, most of the kids, understandably, were upset because they weren't going that next step to Orlando, Florida for the Nationals.

Standing on Stello Stadium in Nashua, New Hampshire, cold, shivering and fatigued, these little guys did something that not too many other Wilmington teams have done in its enriched traditions, not to mention what no other Massachusetts team has done. That is, get to the NE Title game.

"It was a great ride," said coach Mark Brady. "Unfortunately a team has to lose and we did, but it was a lot of fun."

Brady coached the previous Pop Warner team which made

it to the New England Championship four years ago but that happened in Division 2. This year's run happened in Division 1.

"We played a lot of games," said Brady. "That was our 14th game and it was Meriden's 10th. We played a lot of games in the past few weeks."

The game was scoreless through the first three plus quarters. The Wilmington defense was doing a tremendous job making big plays and big tackles stopping Meriden's offense as much as they could. Derek Duggan and Sean Hanley both recovered fumbles in the first half, while the defense held Meriden to just 9 total first half yards. Players like Tyler Valente, Christopher Ryan, James Welch, Steven Reynolds and Kevin Moriarty all were getting dirty with great efforts and solid tackles on the defensive end.

On the flip side of that, the team's offense did a great job moving the ball, especially in the first half. The 'Cats chalked up 97 total yards in the first half and 143 total. Matthew Larffarello and Jaymie Spears did a great job of sharing the hand-offs from Hanley, the quarterback.

Wilmington was able to move the ball down to the Meriden 9 yard line late in the first half, but a fourth down pass play was batted down by the defense which forced Meriden to take over on downs.

Hanley gave the 'Cats the ball back on the next play as he recovered a fumble at the Meriden 13. Three plays later, again on fourth down, Wilmington was stopped short of the first down with 22 seconds left in the first half.

The game remained scoreless until the fourth quarter, when Meriden's Cory Gardner scored from the one-yard line for the lone score of the game.

Putting in fine efforts for the team in this game and throughout the season include: Nick Girardi, Cody Halliday, Tyler Huebner, Matt McKenna, Kevin Murphy, John Parsons, Derek Queen, Killian Smith, Mike Smith, Jim Stokes, Rob Sutura and Tyler Valente.

"We knew at the start of the season that we had a good team but it really wasn't until later on during it when we realized we had something special," said Brady.

And when the kids get older, they will realize that too.



The Wilmington Pop Warner D White team participated in the New England Championship game on Friday at Stello Stadium in Nashua, New Hampshire. The top picture has Derek Duggan, Michael Smith and Nicholas Girardi holding the trophy after the team's 6-0 loss to Meriden, Connecticut. Above, Wildcat players Duggan and Christopher Ryan get into the action trying to make a defensive stop. Below, Matthew Larffarello carries the ball, while several defenders try to take him down during the exciting game. (photos by Maureen Lamoureux).



Wildcat players Matthew McKenna, Christopher Ryan, Derek Queen, James Welch and Sean Hanley all get into the action of Friday's NE Championship game. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux)

Pee Wee B's enjoying road trip

Maybe traveling to Skate 3 in Tyngsboro last Saturday wasn't exactly anybody's idea of a wild road trip, but for the Wilmington Pee Wee B hockey team the ride, though short and unglamorous, was still a whole lot more fun than one of Chevy Chase's ill-fated excursions to disaster.

The B's easily packed away the MRYHA South team Saturday 5-0 in a one-sided affair where Wilmington outshot the Hurricanes 37-4. Passing and excellent all around play were the order of the day for the Wildcats, as, even though down three players, they clearly dominated the action all three periods.

Wilmington forwards- Matt Larffarello, Sean Sullivan, John Moriarty, David Mello, Pat Boudreau, Brian Coutu and Sean Tavares all showed some passing skills, as four of the B's five goals were scored from passes.

Defensemen Kevin Barry, Kyle Gaffey, Justin Rivera and Jared Hayes were splendid in

creating opportunities by holding the blue line, keeping the puck on side and turning back nearly all of MRYHA's attempts at mobilizing its offense. The result was a nightmarish evening for MRYHA and an easy night for Wildcat goalie Pat Young, who had no trouble handling the four shots thrown at him.

Despite getting off 15 shots to MRYHA's none in the first period, the B's only got one goal that started with a perfect pass from David Mello to Brian Coutu. Coutu drilled a shot to the far corner over the blocker of the Hurricane's southpaw goalie Kurt Isaak, who did an excellent job making 32 saves during the game.

Defenseman Kevin Barry sustained an injury during the first period, but was able to come back in the second and continue his aggressive play for the rest of the game. Hayes, Gaffey, and Rivera, with help from Sean Tavares, kept up the pace defensively without blinking during Barry's absence.

Wilmington really broke it open in the second period with three more goals during the last six minutes of the period, compliments of Pat Boudreau, Matt Larffarello and John Moriarty. Boudreau hit his through the five hole off of a Brian Coutu pass, and then Matt Larffarello rang one off the post unassisted. Later with 46 seconds left in the period, Sean Sullivan slipped a left-to-right pass to John Moriarty, who brought it to the crease and knocked it in.

In the third period, Sean Tavares got a pass to Brian Coutu, who skated it up and cross-passed to David Mello. Mello planted it for Wilmington's fifth and final goal for the 5-0 win.

This week's schedule puts the B's on the road again to Skate 3 and then Nashua for games with Hollis and Billerica.

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Mite A's start off with Nashua

The Wilmington Mite A's had an exciting weekend which was spent, for the most part, on Route 3. They started off with a game at 1:00 on Saturday against Nashua. There was exciting back and forth action throughout the game.

Drew Foley was once again a force to be reckoned with in goal only letting in three goals which was a feat in itself. Defense was strong with breakaways and passing being stopped by Matt and Mike Diorio and Zach Malatesta. Tommy Townsend, Jimmy Davey and Dan Luise had some great moves in this game proving that a long weekend can really replenish you. Brian Healy, Jay Rosetti and Dylan Dinatale really turned it on and skated like the wind.

In the end it was a tie game with goals from Brendan McDonough, Matt Diorio and Jay Rosetti with a final score of 3/3. The real story behind this game came from the rantings of a ref with a complex who is surely getting coal in his stocking.

The next game was against Burlington also known as the Ellis show. The undefeated Burlington team came out strong scoring in the first few seconds of the game. Wilmington kept them in check with incredible defense by Zach Malatesta, Matt

Diorio and Mike Diorio. Two goals were scored by the unstoppable Brian Pickett with the third goal coming from speed demon Jay Rosetti with a great assist from the ever great team player, Brendan McDonough. Daniel Luise, Brian Healy and Dylan Dinatale held there own with the ever great Burlington team.

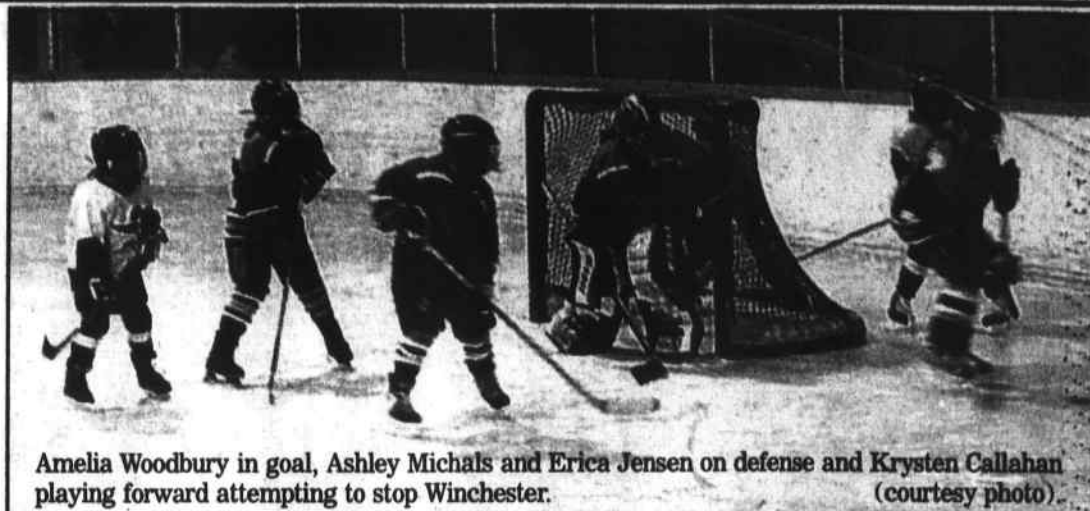
Jimmy Davey and Tommy Townsend kept the puck in play and the great Zach Blanch kept it in the zone and made some great defensive plays while skating backwards and never taking his eye of the play. Drew Foley played incredibly inbetween the pipes as he kept the game respectable although Burlington came away with the 6-3 win.

Wilmington Mite A team took on Valley League foe Newburyport in a game at Brooks the day after Thanksgiving. The Cats had beaten the Clippers in a previous contest during parity by the score of 7-3. It would be no different on this day as the Cats won easily 8-3.

The Cats got on the board midway through the first period as Brendan McDonough beat the goalie with a nice wrist shot. The Cats erupted for three late first period goals to put them comfortably ahead 4-0 after the first period. Brian Pickett took a feed

from Brian Healy and found the back of the net. Dylan Dinatale took a feed from Pickett and notched his first of the game and Pickett broke in alone with just 7 seconds left in the period and nailed his second of the game. With the game well in hand, Coach Pickett made some changes and moved defenseman Zach Blanch, Dan Luise, and Jimmy Davey up to play forward. Mike Diorio was the only true defenseman left back for the rest of the game and he was terrific in keeping the Clippers from getting limited action on Drew Foley who was in net for the Cats.

Brendan McDonough scored in the first minute of the second period followed by Dylan Dinatale's second of the game. The Clippers took advantage of the Cats for the next two goals both of which Foley had no chance. Dan Luise and Zach Blanch made good use of their time at forward as they popped in the next two with McDonough getting the helper on the Blanch goal. Brian Healy and Matt Diorio were winning faceoffs for the Cats in the third period with Tommy Townsend, Jay Rosetti and Zach Malatesta battling for every loose puck. The Clippers scored late in the third but on this day the Cats were the better team winning by the score of 8-3.



Amelia Woodbury in goal, Ashley Michals and Erica Jensen on defense and Krysten Callahan playing forward attempting to stop Winchester.

(courtesy photo)

Long winning streak comes to an end

The winning streak came to an end Saturday morning when the squirt girls took on Winchester for the first time this season. Despite pressuring their opponents hard in the first period, strong goaltending and bad bounces found the Lady Cats trailing 2-0 at the end of the first period. A goal mouth pass from Katelyn Hayes to Katelyn Souza and a Meghan Pickett rebound of a shot by Hayes were matched by two Winchester tallies in the second period.

A screen shot in the third beat goalie Amelia Woodbury, who played a strong game in nets, with her best coming late when Winchester mounted their strongest offense. Defensive pairings of Ashley Michals, Erica Jensen, Fiona Gately and Alex Fletcher had their work cut out for them and performed admirably.

The forward lines of Colleen Good, Kristyn Callahan, Kristyn McNally, Kennedy Harper, Caroline Robarge and Jessica Denorscia also worked hard but couldn't beat the hot net minder from Winchester.

The coaching staff are extremely proud of the effort and teamwork these girls put forth each game. This writer wishes the girls good luck in their games this Friday and Saturday.

One week after being handed their first loss of the season, the girls squirt team took to the ice with renewed vigor for a pair of games this past weekend. Facing off against Woburn Friday morning, the Wildcats wasted little time getting on the scoreboard. Alex Fletcher carried the puck out of the corner and buried her first goal of the season, assisted by Kristyn McNally. Katelyn Hayes then tapped in a rebound of a Meghan Pickett shot. Katelyn Souza closed out the first period scoring with 42 seconds left, assisted by Hayes and Alicia Nazzaro. Meghan Pickett scored the lone goal of the middle stanza with line mates Hayes and Souza collecting assists.

Both third period goals were products of crisp passing, Jessica Denorscia passed to Fletcher who set up Kristyn

Callahan for the one-timer. Ashley Michals took a pass from Caroline Robarge to set up Nazarro's tally. Amelia Woodbury stood strong in nets recording her 3rd shutout of the season. Final 6-0.

Saturday morning, different opponent, same results. Katelyn Hayes opened the scoring assisted by Meghan Pickett. The other 1st period goal was scored by Kristyn Callahan, Alicia Nazzaro assisting. Meghan Pickett again assisting on a Hayes goal before scoring her 1st of two, both assisted by Hayes and Souza, before the clock ran out in the second. Katelyn Souza netted one in the third, assists Hayes and Pickett.

Team defense lead by Fiona Gately, Alicia Nazzaro, Ashley Michals, Erica Jensen and Kristyn McNally were helped by the backchecking of Kennedy Harper, Colleen Good and Amelia Woodbury who played forward while backup goalie Alex Fletcher won her fourth game this season. Final 6-0.

Pee Wee IV's play handful of thrilling games

The Wilmington Pee Wee 4's played two games this weekend. The first game was a Valley League game against Winchester and the second was a Dual State game against Masco.

The Wildcats lost the game against Winchester. There was a positive note to the game. Wilmington was able to score on a team that hadn't been scored on yet in the regular season. The Wildcats only goal was scored by a breaking Ryan Brothers who took a great pass just over the red line. Ryan beat the line defenseman back and shot the puck by a sliding goalie.

On Sunday, the Wildcats played their first Dual State game of the year. The Wildcats played Masco 3 at Hockeytown. Wilmington lost 4 to 2 but played a much better game than on Saturday.

Goalie Craig Benard faced a number of shots in the first period. He was able to stop everything making some awesome glove saves along the way. Masco scored two goals in the second and 2 goals in the third periods. The Wildcats got one goal in the second and one in the third periods. They played hard until the end.

Scott Deronde scored both goals with linemate Denis Gingras getting two assists. The other winger, Linden Hayes, also got an assist. For the first goal Gingras shot the puck and the rebound came out to Deronde who deposited it into the net. The second goal Hayes passed to Gingras to move up the boards. Gingras made a great pass to Deronde who was flying up the middle. His shot went over the goalies right shoulder and into the net.

The forward line of center Corey Lee with wingers Tom Shafer and Dean Moran worked hard in Masco's end. They worked hard on the boards and had a number of shots on net. Ryan Brothers and his wingers, Joe Favuzza and Matt Kasparian, moved the puck well. They swarmed the net and had many scoring chances with Masco's goalie

coming up big.

The defense line of Frankie Mearls and Matt Toto knew they had to step up and hit more and they did it. Mearls made a couple of nice open ice hits and this partner Toto creamed a guy on the boards which helped clear the puck from their zone. Brett Meuse and Kyle Curtis also played a physical game. Curtis kept the Masco players off Benard when he had the puck tied up. Meuse held the blue line and moved in for a couple of great shots on net. Tommy Cushing joined the defense and paired up with Matt Goodland. Cushing was everywhere doing a great job clearing the puck. Goodland also played well and worked hard in the corner to control the puck and send it up the boards.

The Wildcat PeeWee 4 team is glad to be playing both leagues and hopes the busy schedule will get the team on track. The regular season might not have started the way they wanted, but there is plenty of hockey left to play.

The Wilmington PeeWee 4 team played a Dual-State game against Wakefield 3 on Sunday. Wilmington was down four players. They went with seven forwards and four defensemen and of course goalie Craig Benard.

The first period saw action at both ends of the ice, but Wilmington was able to capitalize first. Scott Deronde saw Ryan Brothers come on the ice during a line change, Brothers got behind the defense and Dronde made a great pass. Brothers made a move and shot the puck past the goalie. Less than two minutes later the Wildcats scored again, Matt Kasparian moved the puck up to Corey Lee. Lee moved it across to Denis Gingras, whose quick shot beat the Wakefield goalie.

The second period saw the Wildcats continue their scoring as Brothers got his second of the game as Linden Hayes gained control of the puck on the boards and passed it to Gingras. Gingras sent the puck across to Brothers, who caught the goalie sliding the

opposite way, and shot the puck into the net. Joe Favuzza scored the 4th goal of the game on a shot from the boards that beat the goalie 5 hole. Favuzza's goal was set up by Deronde who moved the puck across the blue line and then passed to winger Favuzza.

Wakefield got on the board with 2:49 left in the second and went on to score three more goals before the end of the second period. The Wildcats had stopped playing their game thinking the lead was secure, but soon learned that the game is three complete periods.

The Wildcats got their game back 30 seconds into the third period as Corey Lee rushed the puck and took a shot on net. Brothers shot the rebound and the goalie stopped it with the rebound going right to Gingras who scored his second of the game. Lee then scored his own goal as Dean Moran sent the puck up to Brothers who passed it to Lee.

Wakefield scored next to bring the game to within one again. Favuzza scored his second goal of the game giving Wilmington a two goal lead again. Deronde's back checking forced Wakefield to lose the puck and Frankie Mearls got the loose puck up to Favuzza whose great shot beat the goalie. Wakefield pulled their goalie and had an extra skater pressing in on Wilmington's net. Mearls was able to get possession of the puck and bank it off the boards to Gingras who put the puck in the net for a hat trick.

Tommy Cushing, who is usually a forward, was an animal on defense working hard on the boards and at the blue line.

Goalie Craig Benard was great! He made a great sprawling save as Wakefield caught a line change and moved in untouched. During the Wildcats breakdown in the second, Benard made numerous saves including an awesome glove. The outcome of the game could have been different!

Squirt A's look to add number to left hand column

The Wilmington Squirt A Wildcats hosted a very tough Newburyport Squirt A team on Friday 11/28 @ Wilmington in Valley League action. This was the first meeting between Wilmington and Newburyport this season.

Newburyport came out flying and stormed the Wilmington end but goalie Tyler Stillings kept the Cat's in the game. The Wilmington forward lines which consisted of Justin Ferreira, David Sugrue, Adam Martiniello, Danny Creedon, Dominic Dirupo, Jimmy O'Neill, and Adam Siegel started to apply some pressure late in the first period. However, the first period ended scoreless with both teams having a plethora of scoring opportunities.

The second period was as entertaining as the first period but this time there were multiple scores. Newburyport went up by three goals but Wilmington came right back. The Cat's converted on a beautiful rush with Adam Martiniello and David Sugrue playing a little give and go. The rebound went right to Jimmy O'Neill who knows where to be and he found the back of the net. The Cat's were now only down 3-1 after two periods.

The up and down play continued in the third period with Wilmington goalie Joey Aucoin making some big saves.

The Wilmington defense of Jimmy Mullen, Cam Collins, Brian Hurley and Ian Haggerty stymied the potent Newburyport offense for most of the game. However, Wilmington could not score again and Newburyport went on to win 4-1.

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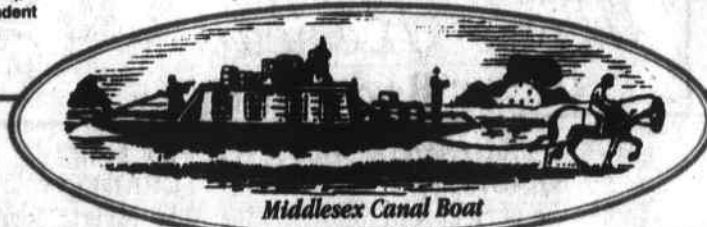
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Karl Henning, making beautiful music It's all in his head... and inner ear

By DOUG WOOD-BOYLE

Part of the magical beauty of Karl Henning's music is that, oftentimes, he does not need a musical instrument for his compositions. Instead, he has the ability to hear the notes come together in his head.

"Sometimes I'll sit at the piano, especially if it is a piece for the piano or organ and I want to make sure things lay well with the hands," the Woburn resident explained. "Very often I will compose without an instrument and just use my inner ear."

The discovery of his "inner ear" for music came during his freshman year at Wooster College in Wooster, Ohio, where he received a Bachelor of Music with a double major in clarinet performance and composition. During the first year, all freshmen are required to study basic music theory and inner ear training.

At the end of his first year, Henning's professor, Jack



Russell, did the required testing and called the young student into his office.

According to Henning, Russell said, "In all of my 13 years of teaching (Henning) had one of the best ears for music I have seen."

At that time Russell also advised Henning to seek more than just being a musician and that is when the decision to study composition was finally made.

It is a decision that has

resulted in Henning's music being played in England, The Netherlands, Sweden, the United States and Australia. He has had over 20 pieces published and 40 pieces that have been performed.

Locally his music is performed on the organ at the First Congregational Church in Woburn and the choir at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in Boston.

The other part Henning's musical magic is the beauty that he imbues into his collection of notes and chords. This is all a part of his commitment to return music to its rightful



WOBURN'S KARL HENNING has the ability to hear notes come together in his head through the inner ear training he received at Wooster College in Wooster, Ohio.

(Photo, Doug Wood-Boyle)

place as an art form.
Along with his Bachelors,

Henning holds a Masters in Composition from the University of Virginia at Charlottesville and a Doctor of Composition from the University of New York-Buffalo. Despite all of the formal education he believes that the beauty has been taken out

of music during the twentieth century.

"For whatever historical and cultural reasons, the idea that art should be beautiful fell by the wayside," Henning said. "Some composers felt that

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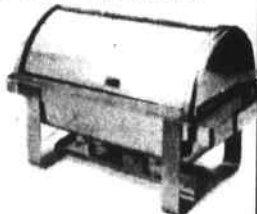
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781-932-3342**Movie Reviews** by Paul Feely
"Bad Santa"MOVIE: "BAD SANTA"
GRADE: **

This is the perfect film for those that never seem to get in the mood for the holidays, but if this is your favorite time of year, stay as far away from this movie as possible.

Billy Bob Thornton plays a wise-cracking drunk who works as a department store Santa while he cases the joint to rob it at a later date. His character hates Christmas, and he and his dwarf sidekick regularly swear at children and poke fun at almost every camp, Hollywood Christmas tradition you have ever seen on screen in the past.

The movie is very funny if you appreciate hardcore cynicism and have a sharp wit, but if you are happy running with the shopping crowd and stopping for the carolers, this isn't the film for you.

SHORTTAKES
MOVIE: "THE CAT INTHE HAT"
GRADE: **

Star Mike Myers, normally very funny in more adult roles, falls a bit flat in this portrayal of the classic hero of the famous Dr. Seuss book of the same name.

Myers tries very hard, but his physical comedic abilities are lost under a ton of make-up and a cat suit. There are a few risqué remarks thrown in to this children's movie, presumably for the parents to laugh at, but they really have no place in what should be a holiday classic for kids, but instead turns out to be nothing more than lethargic, unimaginative interpretation of the classic story.

Despite the high-priced visuals and special effects, the story is better told on pages meant for little hands

MOVIE: "ELF"
GRADE: ***

Star Will Ferrell, known for his sometimes adult humor in other movies, turns

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in a performance suitable for viewers of almost all ages in this holiday tale.

Ferrell plays a human who is raised by elves at the

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Ferrell is very good at

Movies to S-13

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Mystic River Watershed Association Winter Speaker Series opens with Ryan's talk on the Middlesex Fells

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Thanks to the Middlesex Fells movement of the 1800s, residents today are today still able to ramble over "... a great tract of country, all stony hills and table-lands ... of wonderful picturesqueness, and wild rugged beauty." (Sylvester Baxter, Malden, MA, 12/6/1879). The wilderness of the Fells captured the spirit of early reformers, and helped launch the nation's first regional park system.

But today their great accomplishment - the Mid-

dlesex Fells - has been threatened as never before by commercial development. Learn about the Fells' rich history, and discover too what steps are being taken today in the contemporary movement to save the Fells. Don't miss it! Tuesday, December 16th, 7pm. Medford Public Library (111 High St, Medford Square).

This Winter Speaker Series is sponsored by the Mystic River Watershed Association. All talks are free and open to the public. (Voluntary donations are welcome.)

For a complete listing of our 2003-2004 Winter Speaker Series, please contact 781-316-3438 or janet@mysticriver.org or visit our website: www.mysticriver.org

Annual Holiday Home Tour and Tree Festival this Sunday in Reading

The 2nd annual Festival of Trees, hosted by the Reading Technology Fund will be held on Sunday, December 7th from 10:00 am to 5:30 pm, at Reading's Parker Middle School on Temple St.

Over 50 trees decorated and donated by local businesses and organizations, families and neighbors will fill the school's cafeteria creating a "Winter Wonderland" for the public to enjoy. Activities for children include cookie decorating, and making ornaments and a

Scavenger Hunt. At the end of the day, all trees will be raffled.

Tickets are available at the door. Eight Reading townspeople will open their beautifully decorated homes to the public from noon to 4pm for the 2nd annual Home for the Holidays home tour.

For more information contact Mary Ann Kozlowski at 781-944-8449.

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Look: Stoneham

"A great idea can often germinate from some spur-of-the-moment inspiration, a little enthusiasm, and... well... a great idea," notes the "Stoneham Independent."

"Those magic ingredients have cooked up a special mixture that is transforming the Stoneham Senior Center lobby into a full-scale art center and gallery."

"Each month a different artist connected with the senior center, be they employee, senior, or artist willing to showcase their work, will have their work featured in the Senior Center lobby. According to Lavender, each exhibit will feature six pieces of artwork and each will be available for sale."

"The showcase started in September when Stoneham resident Mary Saja inquired about displaying her artwork in the lobby of the Stoneham senior center."

"We're really turning into a cultural center in addition to a senior center," said Director of the Stoneham Council on Aging Jane Lavender in her Elm Street office. "We have pottery classes, we're starting up piano lessons and wood-working classes. This has really become a cultural center for the people of Stoneham."

"According to Lavender, many of the aspiring artists are fulfilling lifelong desires to create that were lost in the shuffle of their day-to-day lives. The results are Stoneham seniors 'living their creative sides.'"

"I think most people get caught up in full time jobs and raising children, and their artistic talent gets pushed to the back," said Lavender, who is also trying her hand at stained-glass work, and joked that 'maybe they'll hire me to do any new glasswork at St. Pat's. I think it's also a very relaxing activity for those involved...sort of similar to

meditation."

"Gayle Lerman, who has taught painting and art classes at the senior center for three years, agrees that art can be therapeutic in times of stress and strain."

"Just this weekend, I was boarding a flight out of Boston and I hate to fly," said Lerman. "I had brought my paint with me, and I began to work after I boarded the plane. I didn't even realize that an hour and a half had gone by. That's the kind of thing that art can do for you."

"Lerman was excited about the popularity of the monthly art gallery showings at the senior center, and planned on having her own exhibit in the coming months...."

Stop: Reading

"The Board of Selectmen recently approved stop signs to be installed at two intersections in town: Southbound on Chute Street at the intersection of Woburn Street; Southbound on Parker Street at the intersection of Haven Street," notes the Reading edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"Regarding the intersection of Chute and Woburn Streets, Selectman Rick Schubert said, 'I always thought there was a stop sign there.'"

"It just seems like common sense," said Selectmen Chairman George Hines.

"I think it is a good idea," said Selectman Camille Anthony.

"This is like a no-brainer," said Selectman Gail Wood.

"Hines stated that the Town should adopt a policy that defines these areas."

"Hines mentioned that there are several locations in town where there should be stop signs but there are none. He gave the School Street and Middlesex Avenue intersection as an example."

About the Towns

by Phyllis Nissen

A "CONTRIBUTOR," "GREAT IDEA" AND "NO-BRAINER"

Plan as the result of a vote that was taken by the Tewksbury Board of Selectmen," notes the "Tewksbury Town Crier."

"The Early Retirement Incentive, which was passed by the state earlier this year, allows municipal employees, statutorily eligible for retirement, to add up to 5 years to their age or to their creditable years of service to the town in calculating their pension."

"Selectmen are authorized, should they choose, to limit the benefit to less than 5 years."

"Allowing an Early Retirement Incentive provides employees with additional pension benefits, at the

"Town Manager Peter Hechenbleikner stated that he would look into drafting a broad policy like that and get back to the Selectmen with something."

"The stop signs at Parker and Elliot Streets at Haven Street were approved as a proactive measure to try and slow down traffic in that area, stated Hechenbleikner."

Go: Tewksbury

"The town has adopted the Early Retirement Incentive

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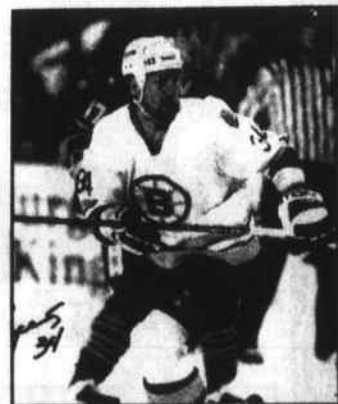
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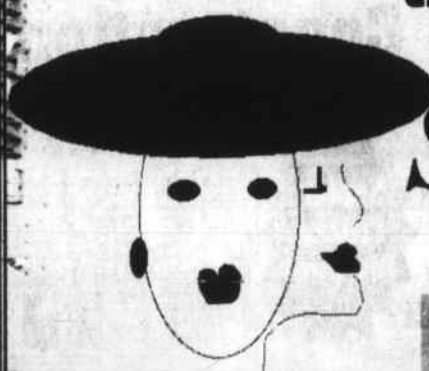
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Thanks to the sponsoring of the North Reading School of Ballet, the Albany Berkshire Ballet will be presenting their annual Nutcracker for the 6th year at Andover's Collins Center for the Performing Arts. This year, for their Collins Center production, more than 180 children from 25 different dance schools came to audition for the opportunity to dance with this professional ballet company, which is based in Albany N.Y.

This year Ariel Sweet and Emilia Pulver of North Reading will dance the lead children's role of Clara. Ariel is the thirteen-year-old daughter of Bruce and Debbie Faragi-Sweet, and Emilia is the eleven-year-old daughter of Dan and Lisa Pulver. There will be three performances at Andover's Collins Center for the Performing Arts, 3 & 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 7 and 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 8.

For further information about attending the production or buying advance tickets please call 1-866-476-6964. Additional tickets will be available at the box office one hour before each performance.



Dancing the lead role of Clara in the Nutcracker from left to right is: Ariel Sweet and Emilia Pulver.

Towns From S-3

expense of the town, to encourage them to retire earlier than they might have.

"Towns are able to show significant levels of savings by allowing employees to retire and leaving their respective positions vacant.

"Tewksbury was able to take advantage of the same plan two years ago and enjoyed significant savings.

"According to Town Manager David Cressman, Tewksbury has not conducted as much analysis this time around as it did two years ago, but he credits the plan as a major contributor in his

being able to bring the budget in balance.

"When contacted by the Town Crier, the Office of the Town Treasurer stated that no figures had been calculated to determine whether or not Tewksbury would financially benefit from enacting the incentive.

"The key to the savings, Cressman points out, is not refilling the positions of the retirees.

"Some vacated positions will have to be refilled, according to Cressman, but lower salaried replacements will still contribute to a short-term savings during these fiscally difficult times.

"The only costs associated in the case of a retiring employee, whose position is not refilled, are the additional pension liability and the payout of accrued vacation and sick time owed to the employee...."

"About the Towns" covers recent events in the 10-town Middlesex-East area. Because Middlesex-East deadlines are early, please check the front sections of this paper for up-to-date information about your city or town. We also welcome original material - please send it to Phyllis Nissen, "About the Towns," Middlesex-East Supplement, Box 240, Reading, MA 01867 or to notestowns@comcast.net.

Athletes & Activities

by Paul Feely

•**MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA** Patriots founder William Sullivan previously worked in the public relations field for what other Boston area team? Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

•**READING'S BRENDON CLARK**, a junior on the Merrimack College men's ice hockey team, scored the first goal in a 4-1 win over Quinnipiac recently. Clark found a loose puck in the slot and wristed a shot over the glove hand of the Quinnipiac netminder.

•Last week, this column incorrectly stated that **WILMINGTON'S RACHELLE SEE** was on the Massachusetts Girls Soccer Coaches Association Division 1 second team this fall. In actuality, Winchester placed four players on the Massachusetts Girls Soccer Coaches Association Division 1 first team this fall - **JACKIE GRAHAM, KATIE BROOKS, AND KATIE CONNOLLY, AND SEE.**

•**WOBURN'S TONY JOHNSON**, a senior on the Merrimack College men's ice hockey team, had an assist on one of the four goals his team netted in a 4-1 win over Quinnipiac College.

•**WOBURN'S JULIE LONGO** has earned a spot on the All-Northeast-10 Conference women's soccer team for her efforts this year on the Bentley College women's soccer team.

•**AUSTIN PREP'S DANIELLE ORLANDELLA** was named to the Massachusetts Girls Soccer Coaches Association Division 3 team.

•**WINCHESTER'S STEPHEN LATTANZI** has had a very busy season as a member of the Choate Rosemary Hall (located in Wallingford, Conn.) where he has contributed to the team as a tight end, slotback,

defensive end, and special teams.

•**NORTH READING'S ASHLEY HARMELING**, a junior on the Amherst College women's soccer team, has earned the title of the top 2003 New England Small College Athletic Conference women's soccer player of the year. She led the NESCAC with 18 goals for Amherst, helping to lead her team to the league championship and a slot in the NCAA Division 3 tourney.

•**STONEHAM'S BRYAN LAST**, a junior, is a member of the Stonehill College men's ice hockey team this winter.

•Need some help on this week's trivia question? The team no longer exists in this area.

•**WAKEFIELD'S JULIE HIGGINS** pulled the Merrimack College women's basketball team to within two points in a recent game against UMass-Lowell, 62-60, by hitting one of two free throws, but the team eventually lost 64-60.

•**THE COLONIAL ADULT MASTERS SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TEAM** is recruiting new members for the 2003-2004 season. Prior experience on such a team is not needed, but eligible skaters must be

age 25 by the preceding July 1. For more information call Team Manager Cheryl Milloy at 781-275-4476.

•**LYNNFIELD'S TORI SPENCE**, a senior at Johnson and Wales University (JWU) and captain of the women's tennis team the last two years, was named the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) Women's Player of the Year. Spence has been a dominant force throughout the GNAC this year as she tallied a JWU record of 31 wins playing first singles and first doubles. She also set the career record at JWU tallying 99 wins in her four years at first singles and first doubles. Upon graduation in May, Spence will attend graduate school to pursue an MBA.

•**ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION:** Patriots founder William Sullivan previously worked in the public relations field for the Boston Braves.

•**DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T?** If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please mail it to: Paul Feely, Middlesex-East Sports, P.O. Box 240, Reading, MA, 01867, or call Paul at 781-944-2200 between 7 am and 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday, or fax information at 781-942-0884.

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TOWER EXCHANGE THRIFT SHOP

On Wednesday, Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Tower Exchange Thrift Shop, located in the basement of the Lynnfield Centre Congregational Church, 5 Summer St., will hold its annual pre-Christmas sale.

There is a good selection of fall and winter clothing for

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A separate Christmas section is set up with gifts for holiday giving. In the White Elephant section there are many items including jewelry, glassware and pieces both useful and decorative to choose for gifts.

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READING ANTIQUARIAN CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Once again the Parker Tavern will be decorated in holiday finery by the Reading Garden Club. Every other year, members of the Garden Club decorate the Tavern to create a beautiful holiday display which evokes the atmosphere of a colonial home during the Christmas season. Special appearance this year by Leslie Fuller, violinist, playing holiday, Scottish and contra dance music. Refreshments will be provided.

The Parker Tavern is located at 103 Washington St., Reading. The event is free and open to the public. For further information call 781-944-0885.

FIFES & DRUMS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

New England's preeminent fife and drum ensemble will perform selections from their acclaimed Christmas CD entitled On Christmas Day in their first holiday concert series.

After debuting at historic Colonial Williamsburg on Dec. 8, the Middlesex County Volunteers Fifes & Drums will bring a festive evening of traditional Christmas music to the Concord Arts Center of Concord on Dec. 14 at 4 p.m., the Church of the Covenant in Boston on Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. and

the First Church in Cambridge on Dec. 21 at 8 p.m.

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Tot Shabbat is open to all families with children ages 5 and under. Older siblings are always welcome.

Temple Shalom Emeth is located at 16 Lexington St., Burlington, and is a reform synagogue, serving Burlington and the neighboring communities. For additional information call 781-272-2351 or visit www.uahc.org/ma/tse.

MELROSE AARP CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Melrose Chapter #1124 AARP Christmas Luncheon will be held on Friday, December 12 at the Continental Restaurant, Saugus.

Social hour at noon, followed by the luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Entree choices are Boston Schrod or London Broil.

For reservations send check to Mary Ellen Donahue at 4 King St., Wakefield, 01880. Make check payable to Chapter 1124 AARP. Be sure to include a self-addressed stamped envelope for the return of tickets.

Deadline date for reserva-

tions is Dec. 5. Ticket price \$20. Program feature will be Radio personality Mel Simons.

Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Luncheon and entertainment will be at the Danversport Yacht Club.

For details and reservations call Martha Carriere at 781-245-5803 or Janet Metzler at 781-662-1309.

LA LECHE MEETING DECEMBER 12

The gradual transition from breastfeeding to the family dinner table can be accomplished smoothly while instilling healthy attitudes about food. Practical information about weaning and family nutrition will be shared as La Leche League of Wilmington meets to discuss "Nutrition and Weaning" on Friday, Dec. 12 at 10 a.m. at the Winchester Hospital Family Medical Center, 500 Salem St (Rte 62), Wilmington. Women from surrounding towns are welcome.

This meeting is the fourth in the current series of four monthly meetings open to nursing mothers and their babies, as well as pregnant and other interested women. The discus-

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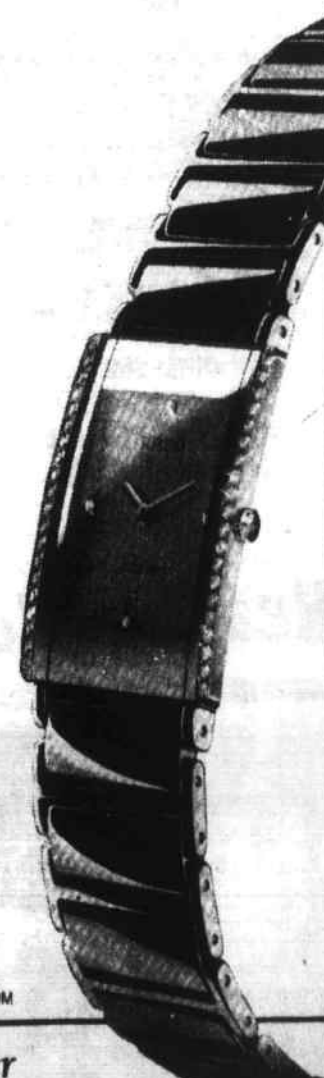
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Facts about the birth control pill

Despite its popularity and 40 years of use, a recent, nationwide survey of women aged 18-35 found that many believe several myths about birth control pills. Most notably, women believe that all birth control pills cause weight gain and that a "break" from the pill is necessary.

"It's important for women to be educated about the pill so that they can base their birth control decisions on facts not myths," said A. George Thomas, M.D., clinical associate professor at the Mt. Sinai Medical Center in New York City. "We take for granted that women are fully informed about the pill, but I find that many of my patients are not."

Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Inc., makers of the most widely prescribed birth control pill, Ortho Tri-Cyclen (norgestimate/ethinyl estradiol) Tablets, has developed the brochure "Just the

facts - What You Thought You Knew About the Pill" to address these birth control myths. Women can order the free brochure by calling 1-877-323-2200, or by visiting www.orthotri-cyclen.com.

Fact #1 - Not All Birth Control Pills Cause Weight Gain

Though more than 61 percent of women surveyed believe that the pill causes weight gain, an equal number of women tend to lose weight while taking a birth control pill. In clinical studies of Ortho Tri-Cyclen, women reported no more weight gain than women who were taking inactive pills. Women concerned about weight gain should talk with their healthcare professional.

Fact #2 - Women Don't Need A Break From The Pill

Almost half of the survey respondents believe that women are need to take a

break from using the pill. Today, more women are using the pill and staying on it longer. And, research shows that women do not need to take a break from the pill. Healthcare professionals can prescribe birth control pills to healthy, non-smoking women over 40.

Fact #3 - Not All Birth Control Pills Are Clinically Proven to Treat Acne

Forty-three percent of the survey respondents believe that the birth control pill can be effective acne treatment. However, there is only one pill that is approved by the Food and Drug Administration and clinically proven to help reduce moderate acne and maintain clearer skin. In clinical studies, nearly nine out of 10 women who took Ortho Tri-Cyclen showed significant improvements in their skin.

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Fact #4 - There is No Clinical Evidence That The Pill Affects Fertility

The good news is that almost 80 percent of women surveyed do not believe the pill can cause infertility. When a woman is ready to become pregnant, she should consult her healthcare professional and stop taking her birth control pills. Most women experience a rapid return to fertility.

Fact #5 - The Pill Does Not Protect Against HIV or Other Sexually Transmitted Diseases
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Make a tot's first plane ride an enjoyable event

More than five million American families are extended to go on vacation this year, according to a Travel Industry Association of America "Family Vacation Study" done for Meredith Magazines.

Donna Erickson, creative parenting expert and best-selling author of the *Travel Fun Book*, recommends the following useful tips for parents flying with young children:

1. Whenever possible, book nonstop flights. If you have layovers, look for designated play areas for kids featuring a "play" cockpit, control tower and "baggage claim" slide.

Prevention, the consistent and correct use of latex condoms can greatly reduce a person's risk of transmitting or acquiring sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV infection.

Oral contraceptives are not for everybody. Most side effects of the pill are not serious. And those that are occur infrequently. Serious risks, which can be life threatening, include blood clots, stroke, and heart attacks, and are increased if you smoke cigarettes. Cigarette smoking increases the risk of serious cardiovascular side effects, especially if you're over 35. Women who use oral contraceptives are strongly advised not to smoke. Some studies have reported an increase in

2. Pack a bag of healthy snacks to calm impatient preschoolers during possible delays.

3. Call ahead to make meal requests. Many carriers will provide a special child's meal if you make the request when you book the ticket or at least 24 hours prior to the flight.

4. Help your child with the possible discomfort of changing cabin pressure by making "funny faces" at each other, like spreading your lips wide, puckering your mouth or yawning repeatedly. If your child has a cold, contact your pediatrician prior to the flight to obtain a decongestant to ease

the risk of developing breast oral contraceptives. However, the majority of studies have found no overall increase in this risk. You should talk to your doctor or healthcare professional about how this risk relates to your use of the pill, including women who have blood clots, certain cancers, a history of heart attack or stroke, as well as those who are or may be pregnant. The pill does not protect against HIV or other sexually transmitted diseases.

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5. Exercise in your seat. Simple exercises include: Reaching arms upward one at a time to catch the stars or twisting your neck to spot the far left window and then around to the far right window. Never let your child wander around the aircraft alone.

Tutoring now online

The trend toward standardized testing, coupled with parents' desires to give their children a competitive edge in school, has fueled a demand for tutors and tutoring services. Forty-five percent of parents are more likely to hire a tutor for their child today than they were in the past, according to a recent study conducted by Opinion Research Corp.

A private tutor that comes to your home is one option, but it can be hard to find a tutor that fits into the family's schedule and has the proper academic credentials.

Many parents also question leaving their child alone with a tutor when they are not home.

With this in mind, it's no wonder that parents are looking to the Internet for new ways to engage their children in learning and improve their grades in school.

Seventy-nine percent of parents say they are likely to use the Internet to assist in their child's academic performance.

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Eight weeks ago, after auditions were held and roles were awarded, rehearsals began for nearly 100 students who are part of Ballet Arts Centre Performing Theatre Company's upcoming production of "The Nutcracker". Their tireless efforts have paid off as they now eagerly anticipate their opening performance with enthusiastic confidence.

"Commitment to this production is tremendous!" says artistic Director Deborah Boyle who runs both the school and the company. "We have nearly 100 students, company members, professional dancers and actors as well as parents who have totally dedicated the past eight weeks to this production and its outcome. If you ask them why they are willing to work so hard and sometimes even make sacrifices to be a part of it all, their answer is always the same... they just love doing Nutcracker!"

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Plum Fairy who will be danced by Leticia Guerrero, principal dancer with Festival Ballet in Rhode Island as well as a faculty member at Ballet Arts Centre's school. Rolando Traconis will perform as her Cavalier along with Janeen Loperfido and Alejandro Gomes as Dew Drop Fairy and Mouse King. The role of Clara will be shared by BAC students Danielle Trakimas and Taylor Brennan. Several of the school's talented faculty, including Lorraine Chapman, best known for her choreography in the Boston area, have contributed their time as coaches and choreographers as well. Also included in the production are faculty members from Kidstock Creative Theater Education Center with a guest appearance by Director Brian Milauskas who will dazzle audiences as the mysterious Uncle Drosselmeyer.

Performances will be held at Winchester High School on Saturday, December 6th at 4:00 P.M. and on Sunday, December 7th at 1:00 and 4:00 P.M. Tickets are \$16 for Adults and \$12 for Children and Seniors. For ticket information please call 781-729-8556 or visit www.bacw.com.

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School Notes

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Winchester: up with diversity

"Superintendent Dr. James Marini recently discussed with a group of parents the strengths of the school system and the challenges it faces, as well as concerns and goals regarding tolerance and diversity issues," notes the Winchester edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"At the high school cafeteria, Marini opened the night by saying that diversity not only implies racial and religious differences but also includes others like socio-economic and intellectual abilities.

"According to Marini, when talking to Winchester graduates, he discovered that once they get out of high school they excel in academics but they are not prepared to interact with children of different backgrounds.

"Winchester is pretty much a white suburban middle class community but the world is not, so how do we prepare the children to deal with that?" he asked.

"In addition, Winchester has a reputation for being high achieving and wealthy,

though the first one is true, according to Marini, the latter is not. There are socio-economic inequalities. 'The unspoken diversity that is out there is the socio-economic,' Marini said.

"Another diversity factor comes from the different learning abilities and interests. The discussion of a comprehensive curriculum versus a classic curriculum in the high school is related to this. One way to cover the economic gap is to increase class sizes to keep the breadth of the programs, providing diversity and alternative areas to develop such as music, photography, computer assisted technology and workshops.

"Marini said there are many things happening regarding diversity at the schools that people do not know.

"At Muraco, there is a PenPal program with an intercultural school and the children spend one day a year at the school. At McCall, the principal and faculty are working on what it means to be a safe school - not only physically but also emotionally - welcoming and supporting community for everyone.

"What does it mean to respect diversity? Marini asked. 'It is not so much being politically correct but open, welcoming. We struggle with making diversity real and not politically correct.... It's about validating individuals,' Marini said.

"On the issue of the system's strengths, Marini said that students and the excellence in programs are two.

"Kids are high achievers and they make us look good," Marini said. In terms of curriculum development, every summer curriculums are reviewed, improved and ensured to be aligned with the state's guidelines.

"There is a third strength, Marini said, a willingness on the part of the teachers to bring back into school the segment of students who had gone to other districts for

special education services. 'There is a willingness to accept, learn and deal with these students,' Marini said.

"According to the superintendent, one motivation is money, since it is more expensive to pay for the outplacement of the student than to provide the service within the system, but also, on the other hand, 'these are Winchester students who ought to be here because they live here....'

Woburn: What's up with the fees

"Increased school facility rental rates went into effect Sept. 1, but have so far caused only the slightest drop in the number of groups renting, School Business Manager Joseph Elia said Monday," notes the Woburn edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"A couple have said they're not coming back," he said, 'but, for the most part, people have said, 'gee2,

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beauty was something that you should not do with music, or that whatever the notes and rhythms, it would be beautiful because it is music."

He explained that for centuries before this previous one, "Beauty was largely the point of writing (music)."

Because of his search for beauty in music, Henning continued to study the clarinet throughout his undergraduate years and even today performs as a singer in choirs.

Henning does not come from a musical family and did not start his formal study of music until he was 12 years old. After attending a school concert where a friend was playing, he fell in love with the clarinet and decided he wanted to learn the instrument.

He stayed with it through high school in New Jersey and that is when he also started singing in chorus and when he first got a chance to compose.

The clarinet was his forte and his band director encouraged him to enter into contests for the all-state orchestra, which he won. During one of the all-state concerts he was introduced to the compositions of Paul Hindemith (1895 - 1963), one of the main innovators of musical modernism.

"I found it to be very exciting and enjoyable," Henning said. "I thought 'if someone that close to our own day could write something that exciting then I should like to do it

myself."

During his high school years, Henning would also play in the pit orchestra for the high school musicals. When the director for the school's production of "West Side Story" thought he did not need a pit orchestra but would try to put on the show with just a piano accompanist, the person he hired talked him out of it and then asked Henning to write a musical arrangement for trumpet, trombone and clarinet, along with the piano reductions.

Creating beauty in his art form may be easier for Henning as the beauty of the paintings and other artwork created by his wife Maria Bablyak and his mother-in-law, Irina Pisarenko, now surround his life. Both artists are involved with the renovations at the First Congregational Church.

After graduating from SUNY-Buffalo, Henning saw an ad in the New York Times seeking English speaking people to teach the language in the Baltic States of the former United Soviet Republic.

During a break in his teaching duties, Henning took a trip to St. Petersburg to view the architecture. When the time came to return, Henning became confused at the train station.

Although he was teaching English, he did not have a command of the Russian lan-



guage. Fortunately a young woman, Bablyak, came to his rescue and from this act of kindness a relationship developed that led to their marriage.

The young couple returned to the United States about seven years ago and decided they would live in a place that was neutral from Henning's family but close to a major metropolitan area. Because Bablyak likes the snowy winter, the search turned to the Greater Boston area.

During a visit to the area the couple discovered Woburn and Bablyak and her mother fell in love with the architecture of the churches and what they perceived as picturesque views of the city. One of the churches that drew them was the First Congregational and as they walked by it one day the doors were open so they went inside.

After entering they met the music director Bill Goodwin and then pastor, Bruce White.

"Bill talked about the music program and the brass quintet that plays at Christmas and Easter," Henning recalled. "I offered to write something for brass to play at Christmas."

Goodwin was pleased with the results and asked Henning to write something for the choir to sing.

According to Henning, "It was at the First Congregational that I really started getting seriously involved with writing for choir.

Over the years (Goodwin) has commissioned quite a few pieces from me."

As Henning noted, the two things a composer must do are to: first write; and second get the music performed. As a result of his success at the Woburn church, Henning started to send his portfolio out to other people that might want to perform his work.

Mark Englehardt, the music director at Boston's St. Paul's Cathedral responded to the mailing sent to him. A professional relationship developed and now Henning not only writes pieces for the St. Paul's choir but also sings in

the bass section.

At times Henning will even accompany Englehardt on the clarinet. Henning's music will be heard at St. Paul's when "The Song of Mary" and "Nuhro" will be performed as part of a "Lessons and Carols at St Paul's," at 4 p.m., Sunday, December 7.

Mark Englehardt and Henning will be playing a joint recital in Woburn at the First Congregational church on Sunday, March 7, with Stephen Symych assisting on violin. Some of Henning's music will be on the program: (The program includes: "Small Ricercar," "Meditation,"

"Toccata (organ solo) Prelude on 'Kremsier' (clarinet & organ)," "Blue Shamrock (clarinet solo)," "Three Things that Begin with 'C' (clarinet & organ)," "Fragments of 'Morning Has Broken' (clarinet, violin & piano)," Henning will also play the world premiere of a piece by Wisconsin composer David Bohm: Bagatelles & Epigrams for clarinet solo during the Woburn performance.

Although new to the city of Woburn, Henning and his family have already done much to quietly contribute to the growing cultural heritage of the city and the surrounding area.

Woodchips from S-1

Kathy had an HOUR GLASS figure. I noticed lately that the SAND has all gone to the BOTTOM...

PIZZA MAN Mike Goldfarb asked Kathy, "How do you want your pizza cut into SIX OR EIGHT pieces?" "You better make it six pieces, Mike - I'm on a DIET..."

"After the ship has SUNK everyone knows how it may have been saved." - Italian Proverb...

The doctor told Richie Gillis, "LIQUOR will NEVER wash away your troubles - it will only IRRIGATE them..."

The doctor asked George Gould, "Well, what do you think is WRONG WITH YOU today?" George replied, "I don't know Doc. What's NEW?"...

Everybody knows when and EDUCATED BRAIN is but do you know what an educated HEART is? Well, it's something

you have if you know how to bring a little HAPPINESS to someone's life and you DO IT.

It means you know something WONDERFUL to say about someone and you SAY IT.

It means you know something vicious and cruel and you DON'T SAY IT. It we can do that, what wonderful people we must be...

The doctor told my cousin Mario, "Your arm is definitely swollen BUT I'm not worried about it."

"Gee," Mario replied, "If YOUR ARM was swollen, I wouldn't worry about it either!"

You know Folks, age doesn't really matter - unless you're CHEESE.

A mummie is an Egyptian who got a BUM-WRAP!...

PERSONALITY WINNERS

Bryan Murray, Don Casey, Bryan Scrocca, Mike Dignan, Bryan Smoggrass, ALL OF BURLINGTON.

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My Uncle John Shea used to say, "Never run after a streetcar, bus or a woman. Instead, wait awhile - another one will come along soon..."

Napoleon was never a politician. Every picture and statue of him shows that his hands are in his own pockets...

Kathy just told me, "I was a FOOL when I married you!" I smiled and said, "I knew it all the time but I MARRIED YOU ANYWAYS..."

Folks, people like the great Yankee catcher Yogi Berra help me write this column. I asked Yogi, "Do any of the old gang in BROOKLYN still hang out in the neighborhood corner lunchroom?" "Naw, Chipper," he replied, "There's nobody there anymore - it's TOO CROWDED!"...

Charles Smith said to Bob O'Leary, "Bob, you can't hold up the game any longer looking for your LOST GOLF BALLS!"

"I'm not looking for the ball," Bob shouted, "I found that ball - I'm looking for my GOLF CLUB now!"...

Alan Demont, Joe D'Ambrosio, Frank Gillis, and Joe James are NATURE LOVERS. They are literally FOR THE BIRDS...

Sign at a U.S. Marine Corps Training Center in Quantico, Virginia: "If you can't lead and won't follow, get the heck out of the way..."

A PANHANDLER rang George Gould's doorbell then asked for a handout. "I'm sorry," George said to the poor fellow. He added, "But there's a letter of introduction for Bob Bonney next door..."

Vic Grasso has the right idea. He doesn't give any wedding gifts until two years after the marriage. He explains it this way, "I'm getting tired of giving the same bride a wedding gift for the second time in less than two years..."

Please donate whatever you can to the Middlesex East Santa



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Army through its Middlesex East Santa.

The giving starts now and will continue through the December holidays with the names of donors prominently displayed.

"We look at this as an extension of the kettle campaign that's conducted every year," said Richard Haggerty, the coordinator of the program through the Middlesex East publications in the region.

The M.E. Santa regularly raises \$4,000 to \$5,000 that is distributed to families in this area through their area representatives helping local people.

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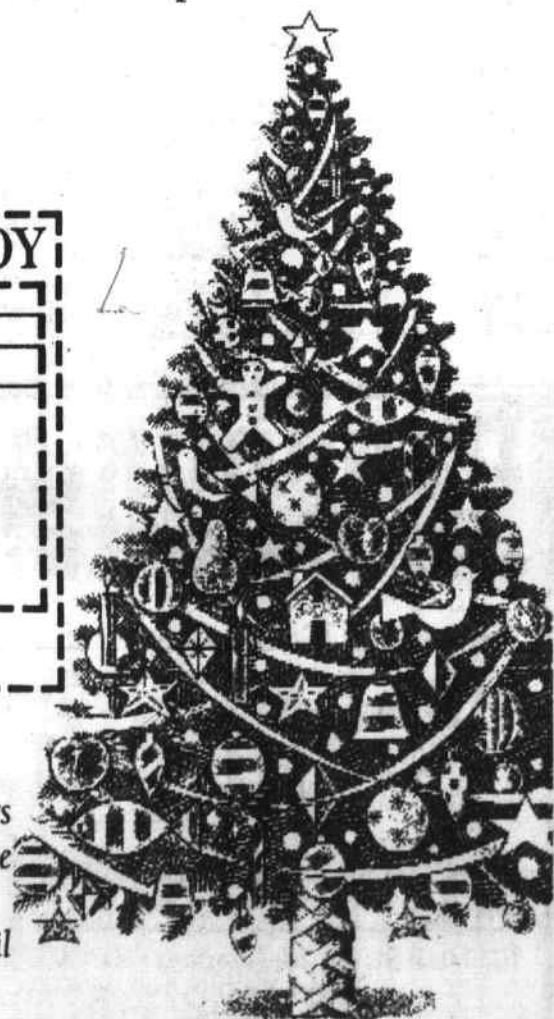
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All past volunteers are welcome back and asked to call Mary Gail Ranaldi at 781-942-2083 for this year's schedule.



Jesse says "Thanks, Dr. Ahlin, for straightening and bleaching my teeth. They look great and help me feel terrific about myself!"

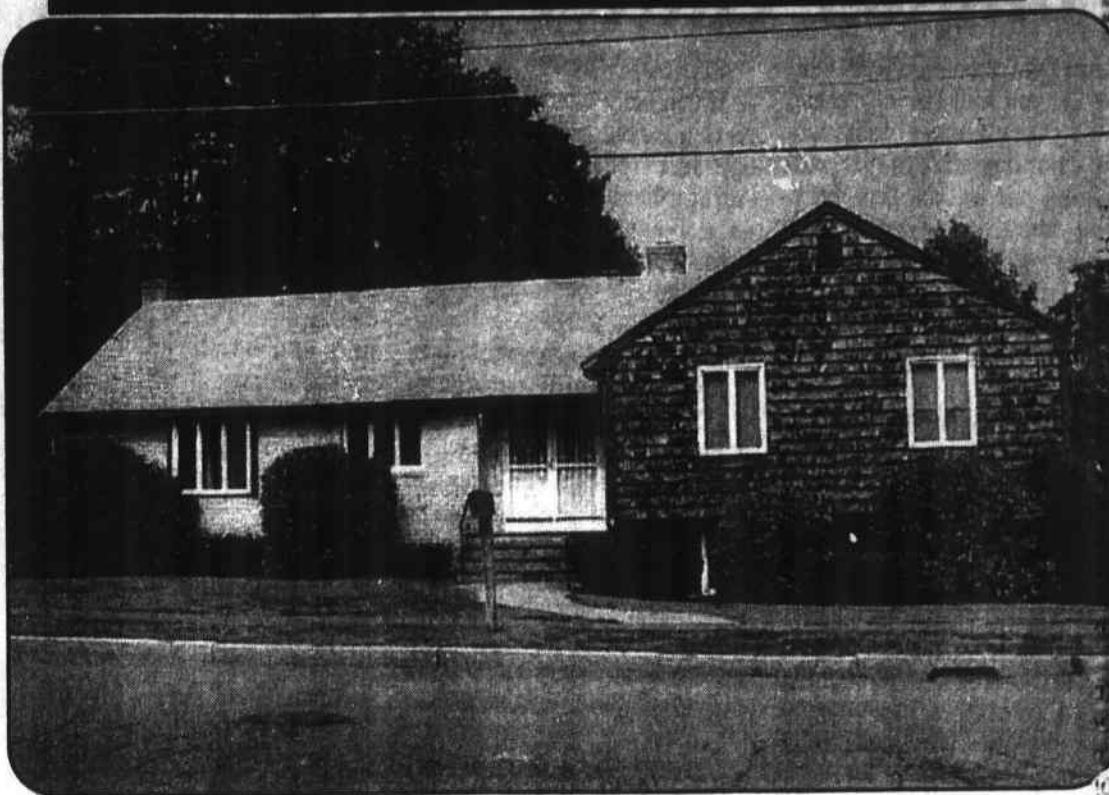


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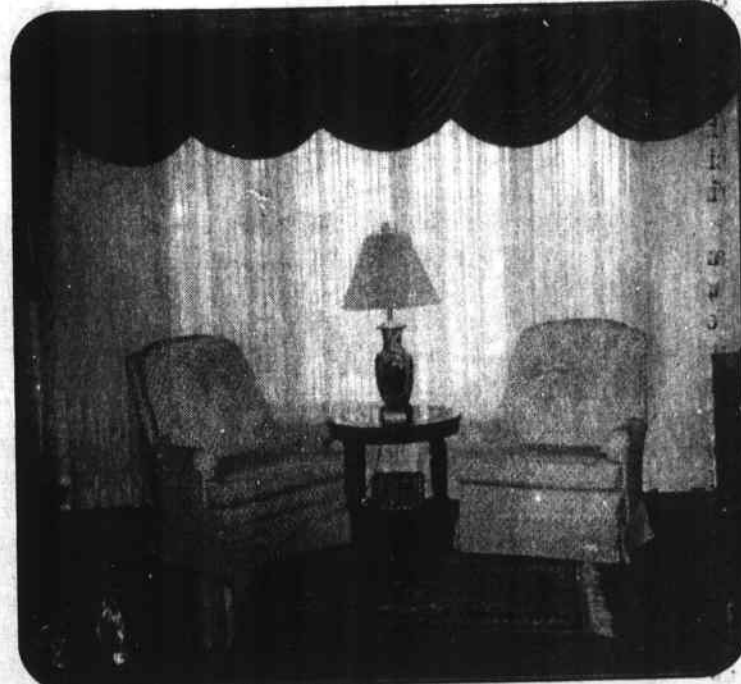
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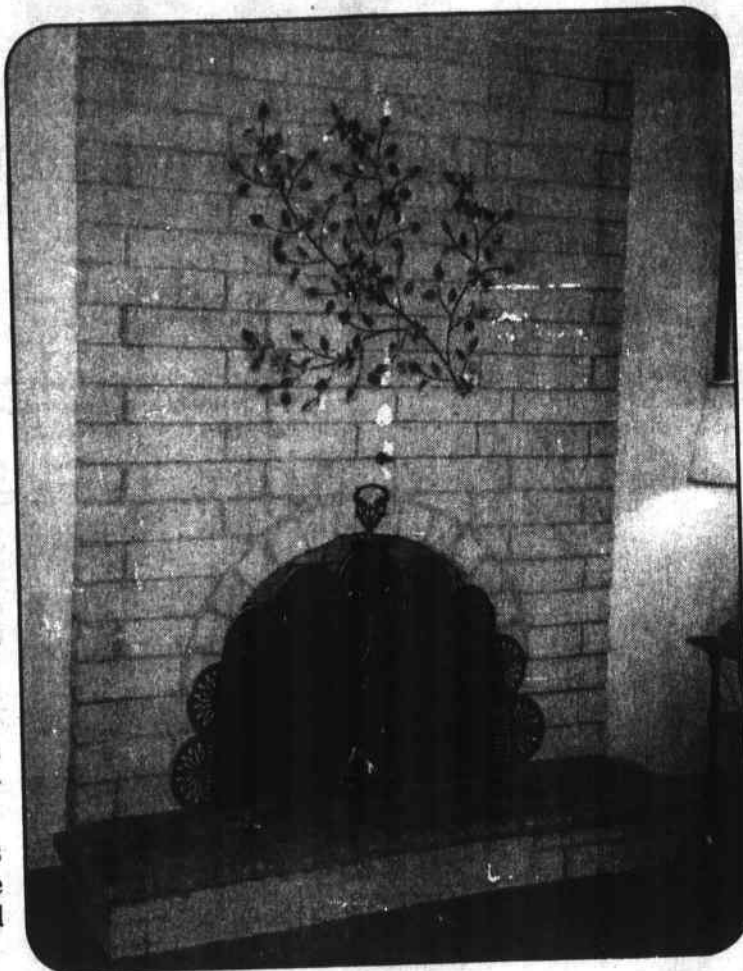
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TAKE INVENTORY

Grab a pad and pencil and walk around your home. Make a list of what items are definite keepers and those that could go on to live lives in someone else's home. While you're tallying up your treasure trove, jot down approximate prices for each item. Now you're only a few steps away from organizing a yard sale — meaning more room in your home.

STORAGE CENTRAL

If you truly cannot part with certain items, consider a storage unit. Most towns have a storage business nearby, and for a monthly fee you can purchase a unit and store whatever you need.

GET ORGANIZED

Your local department store has an entire aisle devoted to organizational products. From under-the-bed storage containers to hangers that hold double the amount of clothing, you're sure to find what you need. Don't underestimate the power of a closet organizing system. These gems can free up wasted space by offering a few well-placed shelves and racks.

INVEST IN SPACE SAVERS

Shelving is an ideal way to lift clutter from the floors and furniture. By installing bookshelves and other similar items you can condense items to one

area of the room, rather than having them strewn all over the house.

ORGANIZATION CAN BE ATTRACTIVE

If your pet or child is leaving toys all around the house, choose a central location where they can be stored. A large wicker flowerpot with handles can double as a toy bin, and won't be an eyesore when company comes over.

With a little ingenuity you can find a way out of the clutter that constantly consumes your home. FH029783

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This plan is designed to please families who like a blend of formal and informal living environments. Informal spaces flow together on the left, sleeping areas fill the right wing, and formal rooms are at the center. Storage is ample throughout.

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room, or be outfitted as a home office.

Kitchen and nook are window rich, and the gathering room is expanded by a deep window bay. A butcher block work island adds to the plentiful work and storage

space, which also includes food and dish pantries. The built-in desk and shelves are conveniently located for managing household business. Doors on two sides open onto two covered decks, and the large utility room is mere steps away.

Half walls crowned by posts provide minimal separation between the naturally bright dining room and living room. The dining room boasts

a built-in hutch, and the living room is warmed by a masonry fireplace, nestled between bookcases.

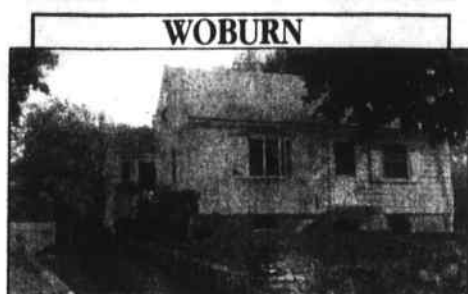
Another wide window bay expands the Applegate's deluxe master suite. Other luxuries, in addition to a roomy walk-in closet, include twin lavs, private toilet, and a walk-in shower.

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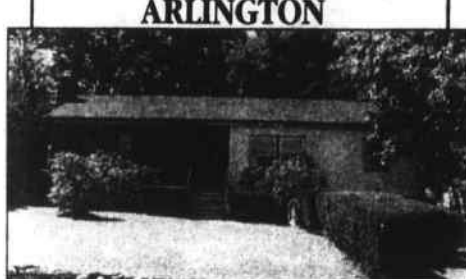
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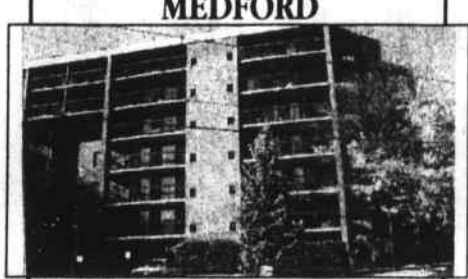
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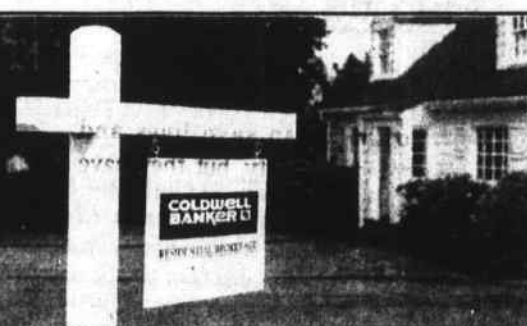
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5 DOLORES DRIVE was sold to Douglas and Kristen Downie by Tedoldi Ft. and June Kazes for \$336,000.

5 GREAT PINES AVENUE was sold to Kingsley and Meidor Tam by Louis and Ramona Scandone for \$280,000.

20 MICHAEL DRIVE was sold to Donald and Kimberly Robins by Ipswich Estates and Robert Murray for \$385,000.

PEACH ORCHARD ROAD L:387 was sold to Litchfield Co. Inc. by Francis and Earle Lavacchia for \$100,000.

PEACH ORCHARD ROAD L:388 was sold to Litchfield Co. Inc. by Francis and Earle Lavacchia for \$100,000.

PEACH ORCHARD ROAD L:389-39 was sold to Litchfield Co. Inc. by Francis and Earle Lavacchia for \$125,000.

34 UNIVERSITY AVENUE was sold to Dermot and Elaine Dundon by Mark and Mary Winters for \$362,500.

41 UPLAND ROAD was sold to Bipin and Gopi Patel by Linda Reynolds-Hochertz for \$451,000.

18 WOODHILL ROAD was sold to Shane and Desiree Corso by Walsh Realty Ft. and Theresa Walsh for \$332,900.

-LYNNFIELD-

Median Price: \$439,950

29 CORTLAND LANE was sold to James and Amy Vansicklin by Cynthia Lawder and Erick French for \$755,000.

4 DEANNA CIRCLE was sold to Angela and Finicola Benvenuto by Kevin and Mary Lou O'Connor for \$720,000.

11 HUNTINGDON ROAD was sold to Kevin and Mary Louise O'Connor by Christine and William Accomando for \$975,000.

MANSFIELD ROAD was sold to Steven Colarusso by TGB T. and Anthony Tiro Tr. for \$227,207.

9 NEW MEADOW ROAD was sold to Patricia Marrin Clifford by Ann Shields for \$610,000.

2 OLD WOOD ROAD was sold to Joseph and Laurie Silvonic by Stephen Sapontzis for \$515,000.

44 PILLINGS POND ROAD was sold to Steven and Joanne Panzero by Marion Williams for \$402,500.

2 SUNTAUG STREET was sold to Dean Dynan by Copeland Rt. and James McNamara Jr. Tr. for \$247,500.

16 VILLAGE ROW was sold to Robert and Denise Devoe by Patricia Brown and William O'Brien for \$585,000.

17 WING ROAD was sold to Maria Dalelio by Robert Hale for \$380,000.

-NORTH READING-

Median Price: \$399,000

18 BRASSIE WAY U18 was sold to David O'Leary by Helen Sullivan for \$549,900.

5 LADY SLIPPER LANE was sold to Jerry and Maureen Giuliano by Lawrence and Julie Vozzella for \$417,500.

18 TARBOX LANE was sold to Greg Arthur by Shenandoah Valley T. and Shenandoah Valley Corp. for \$851,254.

-READING-

Median Price: \$375,000

THERE ARE NO REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS TO REPORT THIS WEEK IN THE TOWN OF READING.

-STONEHAM-

Median Price: \$375,000

7 GREENVIEW ROAD was sold to Margaret and Randolph Arslanian by Simon Ba Nguyen and Simon Nguyen Ba for \$499,900.

16-18 PEARL STREET was sold to Mary and Nancy O'Halloran by Nancy O'Halloran and Randy Brooks for \$60,000.

-TEWKSBURY-

Median Price: \$323,450

BIRCHWOOD ROAD was sold to Jane and Peter Harris by Birchwood Rd. Rt. and Anthony Salipante Tr. for \$700,000.

78 EAGLE DRIVE U:54 was sold to Carol Cleary-Colangelo by Janice and John Travaglini for \$325,000.

779 MAIN STREET was sold to Ippolito Rt. and James Ippolito Tr. by Marsha Hunt for \$215,000.

12 PATRICK ROAD U:12 was sold to Zhong Fei Huang by Natalie and Peter Koziell for \$248,000.

731 TRULL ROAD was sold to Carol Gould by Muriel Richardson for \$287,000.

1280 WHIPPLE ROAD was sold to Bridget Merrill and Michael Garabedian by Robert Merrill for \$309,500.

-WAKEFIELD-

Median Price: \$377,300

97-99 ALBION STREET was sold to Gmb. Rt. and Donald Swansburg Tr. by Newell Deana and Barry Newell for \$315,000.

38 FOREST STREET was sold to Elizabeth and Brian Garside by Elizabeth and Kenneth Bishop for \$364,000.

97 KENDRICK ROAD was sold to Sean and Mary McNiff by Steven and Elaine Kanchuga for \$530,000.

5 MELVIN STREET was sold to Jolanta Lichon by Melvin St. LLC. for \$452,000.

20 PINE STREET was sold to Andrea Crupi and Justin Hale by Keri and Kyle Archibald for \$304,000.

395 SALEM STREET was sold to Robert Tryder Jr. and Marlene Tryder by Concettina Ellis for \$300,000.

-WILMINGTON-

Median Price: \$345,000

112 ALDRICH ROAD was sold to Robert and Terry Lavin by CS Newhouse Builders Inc. for \$589,900.

7 ELIZABETH DRIVE was sold to Diane and Michael Moody by Anthony and Christine Zagami for \$526,000.

401 LORDS COURT was sold to Elizabeth Stakem by Steven Muise for \$266,000.

1801 LORDS COURT was sold to Nirasha Jaganath Ramesh Kumar by John Raffa Sr. for \$265,000.

669 MAIN STREET was sold to Michael Giordano by Noonan Daniel Sr. Est. and Daniel Noonan Jr. for \$280,000.

70 MIDDLESEX AVENUE was sold to Eric and Jennifer Cushing by John and Sandra Cushing for \$50,000.

21 SHAWSHEEN AVENUE was sold to Davide Vitale by Edward Boschetti for \$355,000.

-WINCHESTER-

Median Price: \$662,500

7 CHURCHILL CIRCLE was sold to William Thorpe and Colleen Ryan by George Hunter and Leena Lambert for \$1,145,000.

16 GLENWOOD AVENUE was sold to Antonio and Elizabeth Ciampa by Thomas and Jean McDonough for \$410,000.

2 HILLCREST PARKWAY was sold to Wlatter and Karen Masucci by Richard Stringfellow and Simona Socrate for \$375,000.

-WOBURN-

Median Price: \$329,000

14 3RD ROAD was sold to Roseanne and Sean O'Neill by American Prop. Management Corp. for \$15,000.

14 BORDER STREET was sold to Franklin and Rosa Palacio by David and Janet Doyle for \$415,000.

9 EARL STOKES CIRCLE was sold to Sivashankar Subramani and Nanditha Viswanathan by 32 Webster St. Rt. and David Tracy for \$345,900.

28 RUMFORD PARK AVENUE was sold to Michael Gregorio by Frances and Louise Gregorio for \$360,000.

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Stoneham

Coldwell helps Little Wanderers

The Stoneham Coldwell Banker Brokerage office, through its charitable corporation Coldwell Banker Cares, Inc. is collecting toys as part of the annual holiday toy campaign to assist The Home for Little Wanderers during the holiday giving season.

The Home for Little Wanderers is a nationally renowned, private, non-profit child and family service agency providing services to more than 10,000 children and families each year through over 30 programs that are measurably changing lives.

The mission of The Home is to ensure the healthy development of children at risk, their families and communities through an integrated system of prevention, advocacy,

research and a continuum of direct services.

With a history dating back to 1799, The Home for the Little Wanderers is one of the oldest child welfare agencies in the nation, and the largest in New England.

As a designated Toy Drop-off Center, the Stoneham Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage manages and sales associates are encouraging friends, families, colleagues and neighbors throughout the community, to drop-off new, unwrapped toys to this office located at 105 Central St., Suite 1200, Stoneham.

The office is accepting donations now through December 17. The toys will be collected by the Home and given to program sponsored children during the holiday season.

ing the holiday season.

"The Home for Little Wanderers is a wonderful organization" said Rita Manuel, manager of the Stoneham office. "We are very grateful to have been given the opportunity to support their cause by bringing happiness to the children supported by their programs and we hope that our Massachusetts neighbors will join us".

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CONGRATULATIONS to Gong Show winners Alicia Botticelli-Tarasuk, Laurel McGoff and Michelle Giglio, who each displayed incredible talent.

(Courtesy photo)

And the winners are

On October 11, 2003, the Realtor Community Service Committee held a "Gong Show" at Spring Step, the beautiful new arts center in Medford, to benefit 12 local food pantries. It was a huge success. Emceed by Committee Chair Rick Nazzaro, the event showcased 18 acts, ranging from serious performer to the zany! Well attended, the show raised over \$5,000.00 in net proceeds. Adding to the evening's fun were the four judges and "surprise" guests, the One-Armed Fiddler and Nonnie Penny! Special thanks to drummer/funny man Conroy and guest judge Carol Shapiro. Due to the success of this event, it is likely that next year just may be the 2nd Annual Realtor Gong Show. Hardworking Committee members included Patti Parker, Cathy Stygles, Gina Botticelli-Amico, Karen Alderman, Cheri Callanan, Kim Scarpa, Lorraine Boudreau, Charlotte Skuderi, Patti Coligero, Amy Nigro and Elaine Hoff. "Hats off" to the excellent panel of judges, Daniel Veerman, Bobbie Botticelli, Janet Allen and Elaine Hoff, and many thanks to Mark Cranfil, Andy Botticelli and Priscilla Fitzgerald. Congratulations to all of our acts. Without you, there is no show!

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Calendar From S-5 sion is informal, with opportunity to ask questions and share experiences.

The group maintains a lending library of books on breastfeeding, childbirth and child-care. La Leche League leaders may be called at any time for help, encouragement and practical suggestions regarding breastfeeding, or to obtain the manual, *The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding*.

For directions, further information or support call Karen at 978-657-8301 or Terry at 978-694-1073.

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL AT MASSBANK

Reading residents who are looking to increase their "interest" in the holiday season may want to visit the Massbank at 123 Haven St. in downtown Reading on Friday, Dec. 12.

Massbank will be holding a Holiday Festival from 10:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the lobby. The event will feature a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus from 10:45 to 1:15.

The Humpty Dumpty Kindergarten and pre-kindergarten children will visit with Santa around 10:45 a.m. The Burbank YMCA pre-kindergarten children will visit at about 12:10 p.m.

Customers and senior citizens are invited to come and

hear "The Jazz Group" from the Reading Memorial High School Music Dept. from 1 - 1:45 p.m. Please come join in the fun, refreshments and entertainment.

MUSIC TEACHERS 2003-2004 SEASON

The Merrimack Valley Music Teachers Assn. has begun its 2003-2004 season with many exciting and informative events scheduled. The organization, in its 25th year, offers music teachers the opportunity to grow professionally through lectures, and workshops, student Master Classes and recitals.

The MVMTA welcomes new members. For more information please call Jodi Brickman, President at 978-470-3509.

Fire From S-11

attempting to control or extinguish it with a household extinguisher. You need the right type of extinguisher and you must know how to use it."

UL's safety experts offer the following tips for extinguisher use and maintenance:

- Use a portable fire extinguisher only when the fire is contained to a small area and is not growing; everyone has safely exited and the fire department has been called; and the room is not filled with smoke.

- Have an appropriately rated extinguisher that bears the UL Mark.

- Be familiar with directions. When there's a fire, there is no time to find the instruction booklet or study instructions printed on the extinguisher. Know how the extinguisher works before you use it.

- Extinguishers require routine care. Rechargeable models must be serviced after every use. Disposable extinguishers can be used only once and must be replaced.

- To operate a fire extinguisher, remember the word PASS:

- Pull the pin. Hold the extinguisher away from you and

- release the locking mechanism.

- Aim low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.

- Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly.

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Notes From S-7

[you] were cheap anyway."

"Prior to the increase, renters were paying \$15 per hour in an energy fee and \$25 an hour in a facility/custodial fee. Elia said the energy fee was not covering the real cost and the facility/custodial fee did not cover the rate of the district's highest paid custodian (for whom time and a half would have been \$41.20 this year. Custodians get the additional shifts on a rotating basis).

"The new rates were set at \$30 an hour for the energy fee and \$42 an hour for the custodial fee (which actually went into effect earlier on July 1).

"Elia said he hasn't done a formal tally but believes only a handful of groups which rented school facilities previously, possibly as few as one or two, have not come back. He said he believed they were loose-knit groups who rented gym facilities for men's basketball games.

"While some of the players in those loose-knit groups complain about the steep increase, Elia said the old rates did not cover costs and the taxpayers of Woburn should not subsidize groups renting the facilities, particularly those from out of town who sometimes had one local signing up for the facilities.

"Some from the groups say they are taxpayers too, however a rollback is unlikely.

"When the increase was approved in June, School Committee Chair Dr. John Wells asked Elia to update

the committee on the impact of the increase after about six months."

Wakefield: Wishful thinking

"The Wakefield Educational Foundation is pleased to announce again a mini-grant program designed to support special teaching activities in the Wakefield School Department classrooms," notes the Wakefield edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"The Wakefield Educational Foundation will provide individual grants, of up to \$500 each, or multi-staff/multi-department grants of up to \$2,500 to enhance and supplement special classroom activities.

"Proposals were due November 6, with final awards announced on or about November 21. It was hoped that \$9,200 in grants can be awarded.

"Any individual or local business that would like to offer financial support to this mini-grant program or support a particular mini-grant can send donations to WEF, Box 1752, Wakefield, MA 01880.

"The Wakefield Educational Foundation is dedicated to supporting activities in Wakefield schools not typically included in the regular operational budget.

"WEF enjoyed one of its best years ever in 2002-2003 and always welcomes new members.

"Anyone who is interested in getting involved with this

Movies

From S-2

physical comedy, and this classic 'fish out of water' storyline demands plenty of him. He is more than up to the task, and the result is a film that all can enjoy.

Director Jon Favreau, known for his roles in films like 'Swingers' and 'Made Men', is at the helm of this one as director, and discovering that he has a flair for family films is a refreshing revelation.

MOVIE: "THE MATRIX: REVOLUTIONS"

GRADE: ***

Like the ad slogan for the film says, "All things that have a beginning must have an end," and the Wachowski brothers have created a finale to their wildly popular series that would rival the end of any fireworks display.

Keanu Reeves returns as hero Neo, and Carrie Anne Moss reprises her role as Trinity, as they return to save the city of Zion, the last

organization can contact Co-President Marie Spindler at 781-245-3873."

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refuge of mankind against the machines running the world.

The religious overtones that have been present just below the surface throughout the series come to a head in this installment, and the special effects are once again state-of-the-art.

Fans of the first two movies will be very pleased with how the storyline wraps up, though someone unfamiliar with the background might wonder what the heck is going on while watching this one.

MOVIE: "MYSTIC RIVER"

GRADE: ***

Director Clint Eastwood has created a masterpiece in this thrilling crime drama, set against the idea that even the smallest of choices can eventually change our lives for better or worse.

The film, set in Boston, stars Sean Penn, Kevin Bacon, and Tim Robbins as three childhood friends who have taken very different paths in life (after one of them was abducted and abused as a boy), but are brought together by the death of one of their daughters, though not in the way you might (i.e. gathering at the wake). One is a cop, and investigating the murder of the teenage girl.

Boston looks great in the film, breathing life into the backdrop of every scene. The script is great, and fans of the very well-written book by Denis Lehane that this is based on will be happy to hear that it is almost as good as the book itself.

MOVIE: "SCARY MOVIE 3"

GRADE: **

This series has enough legs to stand on its own now, and enough name recognition to get young viewers to hand over their money for tickets, whether the reviews are good or bad.

The first 'Scary Movie' was written and directed by various members of the Wayans family, and was a witty, sometimes dead-on spoof of horror movies, and the way that black characters are often portrayed in those films. The film was outrageously funny at times, and filled with enough gross-out humor to warrant an 'R' rating.

'Scary Movie 2' was less original but just as funny at times, with the Wayans family back at the helm.

This time, the Wayans are nowhere to be found, and the series has been handed over to the creative team behind the 'Airplane!' and 'Naked Gun' movies, and the result is a watered-down, PG-13 version of the previous two films. The plot takes on not just recent horror movie hits, but movies like the Matrix and television shows like 'The West Wing' as well.

Charlie Sheen stars, and upon initial viewing one would assume that he was about to end this series like he did the television show 'Spin City' when he took over for Michael J. Fox, but based on the weekend box office numbers (\$60 million and the No. 1 spot), we'll likely see a 'Scary Movie 4' at some point.

MOVIE: "THE TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE"

GRADE: *

Why, why, why?

Why does Hollywood remake old movies, slightly updating them to fit into modern society, when there is no obvious reason why the story needs updating? Because based on box office receipts, moviegoers will flock to see any film title which seems remotely familiar to them.

This movie may have finished at No. 1 in the money-making race this past weekend, but this is more likely due to that fact that it is a horror movie opening two weeks before Halloween. The producers have taken what many consider to be a horror classic, Tobe Hooper's original film of the same name (released in the 1970s), and turned it into a generic slasher film where anyone with a passing interest in horror films can figure out what will happen next in about 3.2 seconds.

The film is shot using the typical big-budget styles, but the draw of the original was that it was shot so poorly and darkly, it had almost a documentary feel to it, a la 'The Blair Witch Project'. Aside from the title, this film bears little resemblance to the original, aside from the names of the characters, and isn't worth the time or money of moviegoers. Spend the cash on a rental of the original, if you must.

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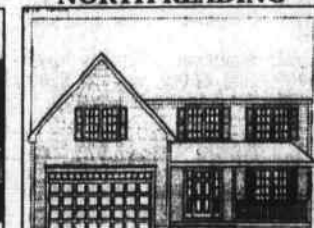


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DEAR S.G.: Yes, I would very much suggest and urge you to retain counsel. The gift taxes are payable by the donor, not the recipient. If gift taxes were to be a factor here, they would be assessed against your aunt, not you. There should be a way to handle that by having your aunt execute the appropriate tax forms and claim against her lifetime estate. Homeowners insurance on a rental property will be almost impossible to get. You will be able to find the various coverages, but they will cost you. Managing your

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